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COVER PHOTO

Amateur Radio goes SSB on ABC TV national, and came to "Bellbird" after 10 years of transmission. Laurence Blakely — played by Bruce Kerr, portrayed an amateur (VK3BXT) in "Bellbird" during a search for a child calling for help on a radio. Laurence's study and amateur station featured in four episodes. Bellbird production ceased transmission on ABC TV before Christmas.

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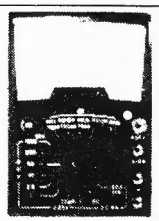

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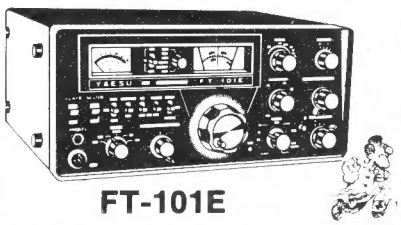

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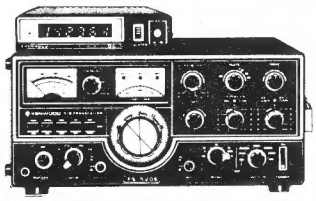

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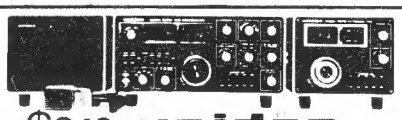

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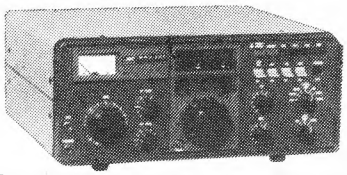

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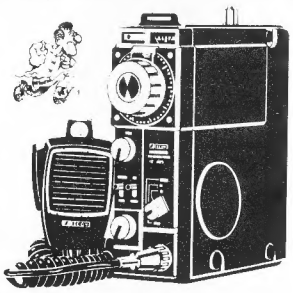

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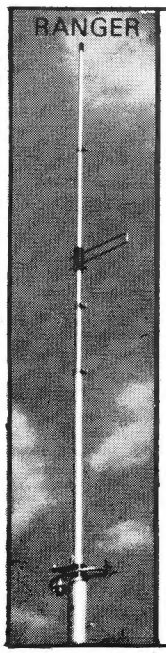

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INSERTS

Possibly the impending holiday season may have taken the minds of contractors off their work. Anyway, things occurred which were outside the control of the Institute and which only came to light too late for corrective actions to be taken.

In December AR you received only one of the two printed pages from the Executive — the one with the petition. After that issue had been mailed you can imagine the comments when the mailing service returned the entire stock of the second leaflet with the overs; in the unopened packages still carefully marked leaflet "A". This leaflet finally was included with the January issue of AR.

At about the same time complaints came in from Melbournites that they received a VK2 insert with their AR. Fortunately the stencil for this insert was still on hand so another run was produced for insertion into the January issue for NSW members.

Yes, quotes from other mailing services are being sought.

EDP

The subscription notices were produced from the computer file early in December.

Not only did this run use up the entire stock of subscriptions stationery because of a programme omission dating back to last April, but also the run was accidentally made on last year's subs. rates. The file has now been properly up-dated but where there were increases in rates the relative subs. notices had to be altered by hand.

Having completed these 2000 odd alterations, believe it or not, it was discovered that some small isolated batches of Final Notices had been sorted into the ordinary sets. By this time most of the notices had already been posted. Fortunately the quantities were small but annoying to the recipients, "How come I get a Final Notice without even receiving any earlier notice?" The fact that the trimmed notices received from the computer centre were trimmed too large to fit the envelopes (sample supplied of course) also did nothing to facilitate quick handling — a friendly local printer guillotined them so size.

Never a dull moment, but apologies though these things happened through no fault of your office.

Sadly other things like the power strike and an AR staplers' unscheduled close down between Christmas and New Year caused delays in processing ARs.

EXAMS AND EDUCATION

No representative from the Radio Frequency Management Branch attended the Federal Education Co-ordinator's meeting on 7th December in Melbourne for interstate and local WIA experts. Sickness and pre-occupation with a State Radio Superindendants' meeting on the same day were given for the omission.

Nevertheless the Co-ordinators' meeting produced a number of useful recommendations considered and discussed by Executive at the December meeting. Members will have noted the submissions made to the P. and T. Department as published in September AR.

One evening very late in December, Peter Wolfenden, the Executive Vice-Chairman, was entertained by Kaklum Lumenta YBOBY, on the latter's return to Jakarta from a short holiday in Adelaide. Kaklum is a Vice-President of the Indonesian amateur society ORARI and described in detail how their society organises, sets, holds and marks examinations on behalf of their licensing authority. Much more elaborate and in greater depth than occurs in the USA for their Novice level.

RON WILKINSON ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Executive Sub-Committee's recommendations were accepted by Executive and subsequently were found satisfactory by Mrs. Wilkinson herself. Details were circulated to Divisions. If no further suggestions come forward the full details will appear in March AR. Also to be announced will be the names of the 1977 recipients. This award should excite the interest of anyone wanting to achieve something in his chosen hobby of amateur radio.

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WARC 79

Yes, WARC 79 is now next year with basic preparations by Governments to be readied for CCIR discussions later this year. The Federal President and Michael Owen VK3KI, one of the IARU R3 Directors, held discussions with NZART officers late during November in New Zealand.

WIA LOGO, POSTERS, STICKERS

Work is continuing on the production of a suitable logo or badge for modern day use. This would not necessarily replace the existing badge, as this is a matter for decision by Federal Council. Meantime some draft posters have been viewed but cannot be finalised yet. The intention is to produce sets of publicity material for use in show stands or displays. If any member believes he can produce designs please send them in to Toorak — much help is needed on this project.

1978 FEDERAL CONVENTION

A reminder that agenda items for this year's Federal Convention are required to be received during March. If any member has anything to put forward, please submit it now direct to your Division without delay. ■

QSP

IMPROVE YOUR STATUS

"Never say or write 73 (best regards); always say 73's (bestes regardses).

Never say 88 (love and kisses); always say 88's (loves and kisseses).

Never say "I" referring to yourself; always use the Imperial "We". Someone may come back to you addressing you as Your Majesty — just think how this would puff your ego.

Always call your wife "the XYL"; that let's the world know you regard her as no longer young and no longer a lady.

Adapted from CORA August 1977. And fail not to end a QSO with "over and out didahdidahdit 10-37 good buddy".

NEW MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS

When you first join as a new member you normally pay the appropriate subscription for one year. Thus, if you join (in actuality when your AR begins) for July AR your subscription takes you through to June of the next year inclusive. In that next year you will receive a subscription notice only for the amount required to render you financial through to 31st December of that year. Thereafter your subscription year will run from January to December each year. An impending change in WIA EDP programmes may alter this however as it is hoped to adopt anniversary or cyclic billing for new members. Further details will be published later.

VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND

On November 25th to 27th the Federal President — David Wardlaw VK3ADW — accompanied by IARU Region 3 director Michael Owen VK3KI visited Wellington, New Zealand, to confer with officials of the NZART.

Attending were Arthur Godfrey ZL1HV, President of the NZART, Tom Clarkson ZL2AZ, a director of IARU Region 3, Doug Gorman ZL2IY, Post Office Liaison for NZART, Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ, who assists Tom Clarkson on IARU business, Gerry Kilpatrick ZL1BBS, and Jim Meachen ZL2BHF, Councillors.

Naturally, the most important subject discussed was the preparation for WARC 79.

To date the general preparation in New Zealand for WARC 79 is not quite as advanced as in Australia. It is pleasing to note that the NZART is well involved in the work.

The hope was expressed by the NZART that they will be able to have a member on the New Zealand delegation. Steps are being taken to provide finance.

The opportunity was taken to discuss IARU matters in relation to both the regional and overall organisations.

Also many points on common domestic issues were discussed. Examinations, regulations, legislation, CB, pirates, etc.

Many of the problems which we think are peculiar to Australia are also common on the other side of the Tasman.

In these areas, much useful information was gleaned and will be applied in the Australian context.

The visit was certainly not before time and will help to provide much closer liaison between the NZART and the WIA, a necessity in the critical days leading up to WARC 79.

de VK3ADW

160 METRE MOBILE RALLY

Visitors to the Bendigo Convention on the morning of 26th February will be looking for 160 metre band contacts. If you can work on this band why not come on the air and give the travellers a point or two to add to the score.

de VK3YQ

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES

According to Telecommunications Journal Aug. '77 the latest Intelsat TV satellite launched on 26th May carries 6250 two-way telephone circuits and two television channels in the frequency segment 3700-4200 MHz with a power of 20W. The apogee is given as 35755 km in geostationary orbit. The orbital mass was shown as 825 kg.

STOLEN

The following equipment has been stolen: IC215 S/N 7202417. Please report any information to your nearest police station or Vicom International Pty. Limited.

ILLEGAL VHF OPERATIONS IN MAITLAND

Licensed amateurs operating in the near Newcastle area of Maitland should be on the lookout for pirate operations on Ch. 40. The callsigns being used illegally are VK2YBC, VK2ZJY and VK2ZQF. They generally choose local WIA BC times on Monday evenings to try out their toys.

From Westlakes R.C. Newsletter, December, 1977.

RFI

"Extensive electronic controls used in 1977 autos are causing RFI problems — a recent Illinois Bell notice warned that the 'cruise control' in 1977 Cadillacs (and presumably other GM cars) is sensitive to strong RF fields, which could cause sudden speed up or slow down. Some electronic skid control braking systems have locked up from RFI, and complete engine failure in fuel-injected engines has been reported by two-metre users." Ham Radio August 1977.

EDITOR'S DESK

By Bruce Bathols VK3UV

The December 1977 issue of Amateur Radio has received acclaim from many areas and the Publications Committee is pleased with the final result.

Circumstances beyond our control contributed to the lateness of delivery and we regret any inconvenience which may have been caused to our members.

Amateur Radio — Australia's Window on the World, is designed for the information of newcomers, and for the first time in many years, this issue has been made available for sale to the general public through technical book sellers and other retail outlets. Copies of this issue are still available from the WIA, and we request those who would like an additional copy to forward $1.35 plus 40c postage to P.O. Box 150, Toorak, Vic. 3142, to secure same.

Limited bulk supplies are available to clubs, divisions, traders, etc. at special discount rates, and we suggest that initial contact be made with the Federal Secretary, Mr. Dodd, at the above address for bulk supply information.

In our efforts to continually present the current happenings of our hobby to our diverse membership, we strive to publish articles and items of general interest which we consider to have wide appeal. To assist in this regard, it is necessary to collect a backlog of suitable material, and in our case we require material prepared in advance for at least 3 months.

We are always on the look-out for technical articles especially, and photographs — lots of them — to brighten up the pages and the front cover.

Technical articles do take several months to prepare, technical editing, drafting of diagrams, ability to 'slot them in' at a suitable time, sometimes re-writing, all contribute to publication delays — but please don't be put off — keep them rolling in.

At the present time, we are in a very fortunate position in having sufficient technical articles in various stages of preparation to last approx. six months — but more are required.

We have been disappointed in the response to our appeals to divisions via executive notes for a supply of photographs of suitable items of interest.

Have Australian amateurs forgotten how to use a camera? How about dusting off the lens fellers and girls, loading up with some film and start looking around for interesting items such as unusual antennas, shacks, mobile installations, maritime and aero mobile, outdoor amateur scenery, hamfests, community displays, emergencies, etc. etc. — the list can go on and on with a little imagination. — Please don't forget captions and perhaps a short story.

Amateur Radio magazine can only be made interesting if our members help us to make it so.

Please let us have your submissions in the near future — act now before you forget. ■

MELBOURNE AMATEUR 70 cm BAND REPEATER — VK3RAD

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It is a well known fact that Amateur Radio operators are compulsive experimenters, always trying new methods, new components and new techniques in a never ending quest for knowledge and ventures into new fields. It was this experimenting spirit and venture onto the 70cm band that brought about the birth of VK3RAD and this article.

In 1972 an experimental repeater, VK3WIA-R/5, was set up on Mt. Martha by the Australis Group as an aid to the intended Amateur Satellite Programme. This repeater on Channel A (2M) 145.854 MHz in and 433.15 MHz out in the 70 cm band.

Quite a few amateurs worked through or could listen to this repeater and got the 70 cm bug. That repeater has not been active for many years now, but the amateurs who remembered it went on to establish a net frequency on 435.00 MHz and operated consistently on the frequency until the latter part of 1975. By this time approximately a dozen amateurs using the frequency formed a group and had regular meetings at each others' QTH to discuss the news, new equipment, antennae, etc. At one of these meetings it was suggested the group apply for a permit for an "experimental" repeater in the 70 cm band.

A letter was drafted and sent to the Telecom Radio Branch in April 1976. After a lengthy period and exchange of information a licence was granted for a repeater. The proposed equipment was accepted as it would comply with the technical specifications pertaining to the licence. The repeater was to be located at the QTH of VK3YEO as aerials were already available and access to the repeater was at all times restricted to the licensee. The frequencies selected were 433.525 MHz in and 438.525 MHz out, which complied with the WIA band plan, and are the primary frequencies in the 70 cm band for repeaters. The repeater was to have FSK identification and would incorporate a two minute timer. The call sign issued was VK3RAD. The power delivered to the antenna was not to exceed 25 watts.

At this point an elated group of amateurs proceeded to set up and test the equipment which had — apart from the main repeater unit — been designed and built by members of the group. The main repeater unit was designed around a PYE WESTMINSTER UHF mobile unit and initially ran barefoot, delivering 4 watts. The antenna for the transmitter was a five element co-linear, and for the receiver a UHF ringo was pressed into service. The system worked reasonably well but left much to be desired from a mobile situation. The problem showed two deficiencies in need of attention — more power output and better ears — and/or better antenna systems. An RF amplifier was constructed for the receiver incorporating a 3N210 MOSFET. Also an RF amplifier for the transmitter which delivered 16 watts for the 4 watts from the unit itself was forthcoming, once again designed and constructed by group members.

These additions created a new problem, namely desensitization due to antenna spacing, the increase in receiver sensitivity and the increase in transmitter power. The only solution to the problem was to incorporate a high gain antenna and a diplexer.

After much hunting and cajoling a UHF diplexer was located and obtained. Of course it had to be retuned and tested and many thanks are extended to John VK3ZRV for this task. The diplexer offered 80 dB attenuation in the receive mode to the transmitter. The repeater was now a workable system and gave constant copy from most parts of suburban Melbourne. As mentioned previously, amateurs are never satisfied and an application for a change in operating locality was granted.

The repeater is now located on a high ridge in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne and commands one of the best UHF locations for greater Melbourne. It has in fact been activated from Ballarat.

When this article was compiled, VK3RAD was one month off its first birthday and has enjoyed a failure free existence. Apart from frequency checks and inspection, the repeater has operated 24 hours a day and looks like having a good future.

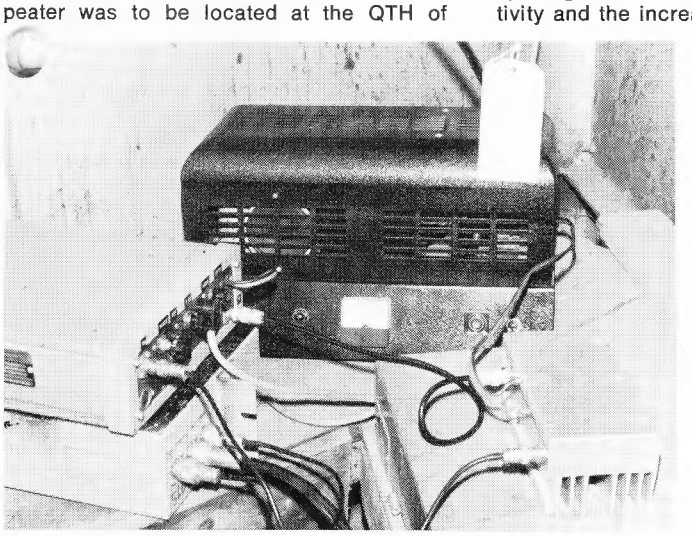
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Transmitter: PYE WESTMINSTER with outboard PA (20 watts), giving 16 watts at the aerial port. Deviation 7.5 kHz.

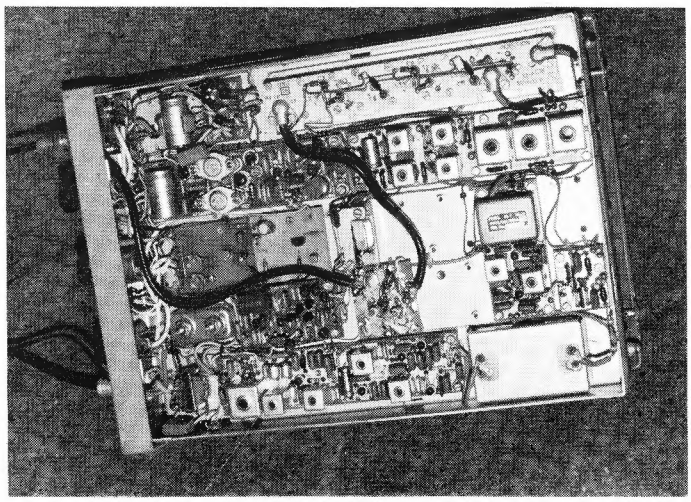
Receiver: Mute sensitivity 0.25 uV. Sensitivity 0.2 uV for 20 dB quieting. 3N210 MOSFET pre-amplifier.

Antenna: UHF "RINGO".

Other relevant information: Call sign — FSK, Time out facility — 2 minutes and automatic identification on restoration. ■



VK3RAD 70 cm Repeater — Power supply at rear, main Westminster repeater unit sitting atop diplexer — 20 watt RF-PA on right.



Inside view of the receiver section of the Westminster repeater.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE UNIDEN 2020

Some notes by Alan Noble VK3BBM
Reprinted from The Radio Bulletin (EMDRC) October 1977.

Every dog has his day and in that respect the owners of all those 101s and all those 520s will no doubt find this as interesting as those to whom it is primarily addressed. Being secretly of fastidious tastes and having that strong desire to own only the best on the market, I naturally equipped my humble shack with the UNIDEN 2020. This was in the good old days when the trade would only sell that sort of gear to licensed AMATEURS (and anyway I had a Limited, didn't I?) and I needed something to listen to the big boys on.

On the occasions of a visiting full licensee the machine would be put through its paces and seemed to perform up to all expectations — except that I did not yet collect all the commissions for the sets which I undoubtedly sold.

Now having mastered the art of copying morse at some very peculiar speed I found myself at last qualified to turn the knobs on my gear under my own steam. And this I did, I might tell you. And I did it mainly at night.

To mark my eventual success I put several 807s out of commission, thus further qualifying as a full amateur, put a quid in my pocket and ventured down to the local amateur hardware store to purchase a bit of prefabricated gear called an external VFO. This was duly connected to the main rig. Of course DX was the only thing to work and I tuned all that beautiful PLL circuitry to roughly 14 MHz, and set myself for many happy hours of DXing. Three months later I had given up going back to other station's calls as the fellows with the big guns and beams obviously were not going to talk to small fry like me. It was very apparent that if you ran a vertical you were on the outer. So a change in tactics was in order and firstly to make sure I was sort of in vogue with my operating practice I tootled down to 3.5 MHz and got in with the short-haul gang. Here I was accepted and found that all who used this band were gentlemen like myself.

Having proved myself on 80, the call of the DX returned and I ventured with some trepidation to that revered sanctuary at 14 megs. And I called CQ and I called it many times but the F layer would not answer.

By this time, as it was the end of another month, I was much distressed with frustration. So much so that I had a vision which said that I should change my call to something exotic like AN4Q2 . . . but I didn't. And it came to pass one evening soon after that, that another gentleman was also on the band (following an arrangement made via 600 ohms) and I called him to test another microphone. He came up and said that I should have another go at tuning up as I was only S1 on his meter. This I reluctantly did as I knew I had got it all together the first time anyway. He then asked me to turn down the mic gain as I was unreadable. Barley Charlie, just who does this guy think he is? But I knew he would not fool me and I also knew he used reasonably good gear (called Collins, I think) so I did as I was told. When I had finally turned the mic gain down to practically zero I was rewarded with a 4-1 report. Not quite the best that has been achieved with 100 watts PEP at 12 miles. Just to keep the story straight I had not introduced the microphone that I wanted to test and was using the standard Uniden mic.

We were operating on 14.115 and I knew that was true because that's what the dial said. Now came the comment that my audio was FMing and that is a facility the UNIDEN does not have, so something is but definitely screwy. Up came the suggestion that I should turn on my counter and check what was going up the spout, and I really took that as a vote of no confidence in my rig. Staggering with hurt pride I turned the counter on, ran some carrier and out of the corner of my eye squinted at the lying readout . . . 14.215. Quite unperturbed (born in Collins operators) he said he would go walkabout up the band and have a look while I tuned again without touching the VFO. Back came the report that I had a beaut carrier on 14.215 but there was no sign of any audio up there. Had my fantastic PPL become a frantic fazed loose hoop?

To cut a long story short, because I believe you are interested only in the facts and you have no time to read untechnical drivel (you can do that any time on an ex-amateur band), we performed a number of isolation tests with the following results:

1. **External VFO CONNECTED to Transceiver and Operation Switch at INTERNAL.**
   (i) segment switch on transceiver at 100 kHz position
   segment switch on external VFO at 100 kHz position
   RESULT — transmission on frequency indicated on main VFO dial; audio FMing.
   (ii) segment switch on transceiver at 100 kHz position
   segment switch on external VFO at 200 kHz position
   RESULT — transmission on frequency 100 kHz higher than indicated on main VFO dial with low power signal on correct frequency; audio FMing.
   (iii) segment switch on transceiver at 100 kHz position
   segment switch on external VFO at 300 kHz position
   RESULT — as in (ii) above except main power now transmitted 200 kHz higher than indicated on main VFO dial.
2. **External VFO CONNECTED to transceiver and Operation switch at EXTERNAL.**
   All transmissions on frequency as indicated by the EXTERNAL VFO dial but audio FMing.
3. **External VFO DISCONNECTED from transceiver and Operation switch at INTERNAL.**
   All transmissions on frequency as indicated by main VFO dial and good audio quality Report 5-9 signal.

And so we had the clue to the problem — transceiver operating OK but when the external VFO was connected it caused the audio to FM and in addition it was taking over frequency control even though the Operation switch was at INTERNAL.

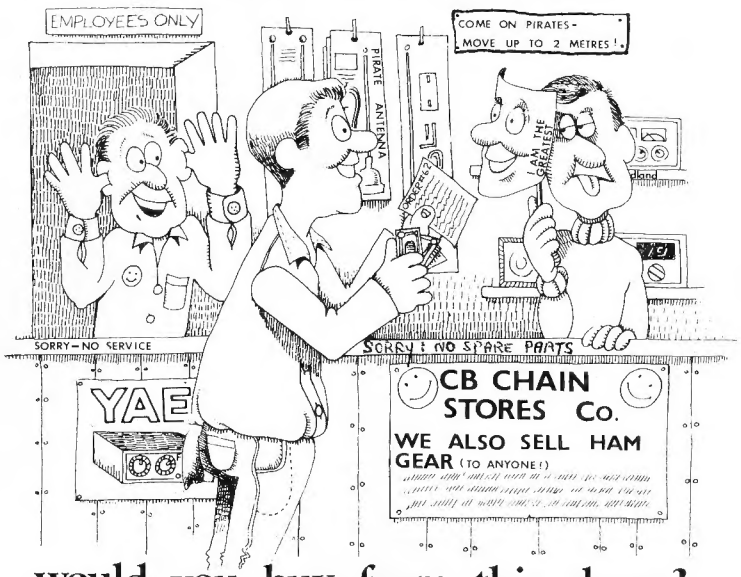
With the kind help of Peter and Duncan at Vicom the trouble was diagnosed and corrected without much agony. The 5 [illegible] line from the transceiver to the exte[illegible] VFO is rather critical. When checked with a high impedance meter this was found to be 4.8 volts and was corrected. In addition the contacts on the plug-in board in the external VFO were cleaned with a spray of common cure-all. It appears that a few extra artificial diodes had been introduced to which all the higher class solid state devices took exception.

A week after carrying out the above tests, I was talking to Dusty VK3AYO who was rather put out about receiving a 5-0-7 report from a VE station. Being a regular brass pounder, Dusty queried the Canadian who said he could not give better than 5-0 as Dusty was not moving his meter. Dusty reckoned he did not give a hang about the 5-0 but what about this 7 business? The report was pronounced chip on Dusty's CW sigs. I told Dusty about my problem and putting two and two together with 7 I suggested we run some tests. These showed similar results to those shown above with chirp apparently caused by the shift in signal frequency. We [illegible] found the fault frequency dependent. [illegible] was not evident on 3.5 MHz (this checks with my phone experience) but was pronounced on 14 MHz and above. Two other differences were also noted — Dusty's external VFO would not start on 7 MHz and also he did not have the problem of the external VFO taking over when on Internal switched position. Dusty no longer sounds like one of those U station washboards.

A few days after re-installing my gear I heard Doug VK3BIE talking about a mysterious distortion on his audio. I was able to tell him about the above and steer him hopefully in the right direction. Hope all is now OK, Doug.

My sincere thanks to Dave VK3DC for his assistance and patience in carrying out the original isolation tests.

Next time someone hears me working split frequency would they please let me know? Happy VFOing. ■



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From Westlakes Radio Club — Monthly Newsletter, October 1977.

"The gear here is home brew and using 14 gold plated 3/32 left-handed framistran screws and running 10 kilowatts into a 6SN7 modulated by a pair of matched 6DQ's . . . awk . . . arghahhhhhhhhhhhhh . . ."

Only a dream, it's true, but if I can ever perfect my invention it may really come to pass. Right now all I have is a little black box with a push-button switch on the top. When I am on the receiving end of one of these conversations I reach over and press the little button once or twice, good and hard. Nothing happens of course, but one day. If I can just figure out a way to make some kind of weird horrendous atomic fireball leap from his microphone and down the chaps esophagus I will have contributed to the furtherance of amateur radio immeasurably.

The fault isn't in amateur radio itself — is the system. They ought to ask a few questions in the exams just to see that you are capable of communicating once the contact is established. Knowing how to dip the final is keen, but once the gear is tuned up you're sitting there with a mighty big carrier at your fingertips and nothing worthwhile to do with it. It's like getting a driver's licence, and then realizing that you only know how to drive in a straight line, with a Rolls Royce. Let's face it, it shows no technical prowess, accomplishes nothing for the state of the art of radio, to plug in a rig, connect an antenna, and ragchew with some chap.

OK, so you made the contact — you've also gained some valuable information such as: 1. The household wiring is truly hooked up to the council lightpole. 2. The voltage is approximately 240 volts. 3. The power bill has been paid. 4. The antenna didn't blow down or corrode since the previous contact. 5. Messrs. Kennelly and Heaviside knew what they were talking about. 6. The chap on the other end knows at least as much on amateur radio since he was able to get his junk working too. Like, so what? Once you've confirmed the foregoing things to yourself and the fellow on the other end, there's not much point in boggling the airwaves with insipid equipment rundowns. Do you think that now that he has learned that your fine super signal is coming via your Signalizer Schpritzer Mk. XII (or whatever lies you feel like peddling that day) that he does really give two figs? Quite frankly, many of the signals heard are so feeble and poorly modulated that learning what the chap is using would only serve as a deterrent when one goes out to buy the next bit of equipment. Manufacturers of amateur gear should listen for the idiots with the rotten signals and then pay them to say that they were using a competitor's set.

Fact is, that many amateurs are simply too bashful or uninformed to get a good non-technical conversation going. If two of these chaps hook up on the air it becomes a Mexican standoff, with exchanges of finals, final-finals ad nauseum after the exchange of technical data. Each operator tries desperately to figure out a way to unload the creep on the other end without hurting the other chap's feelings or to make one look foolish.

The trick, of course, is to cleverly sneak a few subtle remarks into the QSO to let the other chap know that you are also programmed for non-technical style of communications. If he wants to he can pick up the ball and run with it. If he ignores it, then nobody's the wiser and you can go into your Hoges and Strop bit.

"Yeah Sam. I've got to run over to that Diggy's place and pick up a 10K pot."

"Careful Fred. If the fuzz hears you have ordered 10 kilos of pot you've had it."

For the older generation you might try: "There's a 50 cycle ripple on your signal, OM."

"Yeah. We're getting Frank Ifields up here next week to put a little rhythm into the thing."

A little imagination and you'll find a way. You'd better — I'm coming close to perfecting my little black box with the switch on top. Guess that necessity is the mother of retaliation.

For the CW devotees I suggest closing your transmission with a crisp "Shave and haircut — $2.50" tempo. ■

FROM INCINERATOR TO IN-HABITABLE

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The official opening of the South Australian Divisional Headquarters, the "Burley Griffin Building" on April 3rd, 1977, brought to a culmination the efforts of many members of the Division in establishing this centre for Amateur Radio in the State of South Australia. For those who do not know the history of this building, I will provide a brief summary.

This remarkable "edifice", for call it such one may, first saw life as an Incinerator and Bitumen Plant in 1937. Its design as an incinerator was produced by a company specialising in such matters, however the building housing said incinerator was designed by the late Walter Burley Griffin, well known in connection with the design of our National Capital, Canberra. This renowned gentleman certainly had an eye for beauty and structure, as a result of which, after cessation of its use as an incinerator, the building was marked by the National Trust as "not to be destroyed or altered".

This presented the Thebarton Corporation, in whose municipality the building is located, with somewhat of a problem. "What on earth does one do with an incinerator which you cannot demolish?"

Well in time this problem was solved.

The VK5 Division was looking for a suitable building to serve as its headquarters. Contact was made with the Corporation by the Divisional Committee concerned and, after negotiations in which Rob Wilson VK5WA played a major part, it was agreed that the Institute would take a lease upon the property in itself. Suffice to say that many members contributed their skills, from jack-hammer operating through to carpentry, painting, electrical work, concreting, you name it, and in the area of construction it took place. Over a period of three years the work progressed up until late 1975, when the Divisional Council decided the building could be usefully occupied. At first the building was used for the monthly Council meetings, but following closely upon this decision other activities such as the General Meetings and VHF group meetings took place at this new location. The first General Meeting was held in the building on 28th January, 1975.

Working bees were still held and other voluntary work carried out until the time finally arrived when an official opening ceremony was both warranted and desirable. Much debate took place in Council as to the form and nature such a ceremony should take. Suggestions as to who should perform such a ceremony ranged from such as Garry McDonald from Wollongong, through the political sphere to State dignitaries. It was eventually decided with unanimous agreement that the Mayor of Thebarton, Dr. Flaherty, M.B., B.S., J.P., should be invited to perform this function. Right throughout the period in which the Division carried out all the work leading up to this event the Thebarton Council had shown great interest and encouragement in our plans and had provided much assistance and co-operation. Along with the Mayor and Mrs. Flaherty other members of the Corporation, including the Town Clerk, Mr. Mal Baker, and Mrs. Baker, were invited. Of the members of that body the following also found themselves able to attend: Alderman Crafter and Mrs. Crafter, Councillor Carter and Mrs. Carter, Councillor Baker and Mrs. Baker, Councillor Poley, the Assistant Town Clerk, Mr. Hanson, and Mrs. Hanson.

Also among the official guests were a representative of the National Trust, Mr.

Game, and author, bushman and artist, Mr. Len Beadell, and Mrs. Beadell. Important personages from amongst the Divisional members invited as special guests were Mr. Geoff Taylor VK5TY, and Mrs. Taylor, and Mr. Rob Wilson VK5WA, and Mrs. Wilson. Lastly, but by no means least, arrangements had been placed in hand to ensure the presence of the Federal President of the Wireless Institute of Australia, Dr. David Wardlaw VK3ADW.

Before commenting on the opening ceremony a description of the building and facilities and several other aspects of same would be in order.

The most striking aspect of the building would be its outside appearance. Built mainly of various coloured bricks, it is decorated with cement columns and arch-work, and also adorned with cement filigreed patterns between arches and columns. One feature which cannot be overlooked is the tall square brick chimney surmounting the building, and incidentally providing an excellent basis for the support of antennas. The chimney is also topped at each corner with concrete columns.

Facilities inside the headquarters are as follows: A large downstairs meeting room providing accommodation for approximately 130 members. An upstairs lecture room for YRCS and technical classes. A mezzanine floor on which the Publications Officer and Equipment Supplies Committee display their wares and also used at meeting breaks for the supply of tea, coffee and biscuits to members and visitors at meetings. Adjacent to the mezzanine floor are a lock-up store room and the separate transmitter room, which is well carpeted and houses three beautiful wood grained consoles made by members, which will be gradually filled with equipment and pressed into greater use as the official Institute Station VK5WI expands. Ladies' and gentlemen's toilet facilities are located to one side of the mezzanine entrance door. The main hall may be entered downstairs from the mezzanine floor or through two side entrances at ground level. The upstairs lecture room has a fire escape to ground level at the front of the building.

One problem encountered during the establishment of the headquarters was that of furnishing, particularly with respect to the seating of members at meetings. It was thus decided to establish a "Chair Fund", to which members could contribute at a rate of $5 per chair. This fund was most successful, with a total of $500 being contributed by members. Consideration was given to affixing a plate on each chair showing the name of the donor concerned, however this idea was shelved in favour of a plaque showing the names of contributors to the fund and which would provide a more lasting record. (Plates could be removed and lost and chairs damaged and replaced over the years.) The plaque is in the form of an etched copper laminate board and hangs on the wall of the main meeting room adjacent to the trophy niche wherein the Remembrance Day Contest and other trophies have resided for some time. Amongst the names on this plaque appear some "In Memoriam" for Silent Keys of the Division. Now to return to the opening ceremony itself and arrangements in connection with same.

The visitors and members, numbering approximately 200 in all, provided an overflow crowd. The ceremony was completely recorded on both colour video tape and audio, whilst those not able to crowd into the main meeting hall were able to watch the ceremony on closed circuit TV monitors placed at other strategic locations. Copies of these recordings are, incidentally, available to interested groups and may be obtained by contacting the VK5 Division.

Visitors and members were welcomed on behalf of the Divisional Council by the President of the South Australian Division, Gary Herden VK5ZK. In welcoming all present, Gary detailed the events over the years leading up to this culmination of efforts and referred to the co-operation and interest shown by the Thebarton Corporation and the National Trust in our project. He then introduced Mr. Game of the National Trust, who congrtulated the Division on its efforts to date. Mr. Game in fact had himself been involved with the original building project and had met the late Walter Burley Griffin during this time. He also stated his and the National Trust's appreciation of the way in which the Division had obviously gone about retaining the original aspects of the building and the need for the retention of such memorials as part of our National Heritage.

Following Mr. Game's interesting speech, Gary VK5ZK called upon the Federal President, Dr. David Wardlaw VK3ADW, to address the gathering. David in his inimitable manner did due justice to the occasion. In representing the Federal body and all the amateurs of the Wireless Institute, he referred to the progress and gains made as a result of such an organisation as ours. He also expressed his appreciation of such an opportunity to meet the Council and members of the South Australian Division and passed on his congratulations in respect of this attainment by the Division.

The Division President then introduced the Mayor of the Thebarton Corporation, Dr. Flaherty, who also had many congratulatory remarks to make insofar as the Division's efforts were concerned. In speaking Dr. Flaherty stated that, in his opinion, the Division had available to it a headquarters for as long as it should last, and one of which it could be justifiably proud. At this time the Mayor unveiled a beautifully made plaque in commemoration of the occasion. This plaque also is made of etched copper laminate and carries the inscription:

"This building was officially opened as the headquarters of the South Australian Division of the Wireless Institute of Australia on April 3rd, 1977, by the Mayor of Thebarton, Dr. J. A. Flaherty, M.B., B.S., J.P., in the presence of the Federal President of the WIA, Dr. D. Wardlaw VK3ADW, and Councillors of the South Australian Division: G. H. Herden VK5ZK (President), M. J. Hart VK5ZMH, C. J. Hurst VK5HI, R. A. Murphy VK5MM, G. Preston, VK5PI, G. M. Bowen VK5XU, I. J. Hunt VK5QX, J. B. Mitchell VK5ZJB, C. M. Pearson VK5PE, I. W. Wood VK5NVU."

Also on the plaque is a sketch of the building. Around this unique plaque the border is comprised of the symbols of dots and dashes representing in Morse Code the name of the Wireless Institute of Australia and the South Australian Division. Lines across the plaque in similar form spell out the abbreviation WIA, WIA.

Herein lies a small story! This plaque, and similarly the Chair Fund plaque, were designed by Len Beadell, well known as an explorer, bushman, artist and author of a series of books detailing his experiences in the Australian outback. Even the morse code border was Len's idea. Upon being aproached to carry out the design work, Len agreed with alacrity and applied his talents fully to producing an outstanding example of art work. He even devoted most of a week-end standing outside the building making a number of detailed sketches to guide himself in the final production. The original of one of these sketches is now a prized possession of the writer of this article.

Following the unveiling of the plaque the Divisional President VK5ZK then spoke a few further words in reply to those who had addressed the assembled crowd. Thus each of the authorities connected with the Burley Griffin Building were ably represented.

During the ceremony Gary VK5ZK read a number of telegrams and messages of congratulations which had been received from far and wide. These were as follows: From — Alice Springs Community College Radio Club. John Emmell VK4ZGB, ex VK5 member. Bondi Junction, N.S.W. — don't build special enclosure for RD Trophy. President Darwin Amateur Radio Club. VK8CW Alice Springs, VK8HA and VK8DI Darwin. VK8AC Nhulumby. P29BS. VK6XY. VK6LG Len. VK4ATE, VK4AEM. ZL1BOL, ex Darwin. VK2ATY. President VK6 Division. President VK2 Division. VK5WB/4. Cairns Amateur Radio Club. Intruder Watch Co-ordinator, Alf Chandler. Secretary Manager WIA, Peter Dodd. Chairman VHF/UHF Advisory Committee, Peter Wolfenden. Editor "Amateur Radio", Bruce Bathols 3UV. IARU Liaison Officer. Federal Contest Manager, Kevin Phillips 3AUQ. Federal Historian. Federal Education Co-ordinator. Chairman Federal Repeater Sub-committee. Chairman WIA Project Australis Group.

Following the ceremony members and visitors were provided with refreshments and given the opportunity to inspect all of the building and various facilities. A display of antique radio equipment provided by Eric VK5LP and set up on the mezzanine floor provided much interest, whilst the official station VK5WI was on the air. Special QSL cards for contacts with this station on the opening day are being produced.

Many people could be mentioned as having contributed to the efforts referred to herein, but a list of such names would in-

deed be formidable. Workers throughout the project from its inception, right up to the efforts of the ladies providing afternoon refreshments, arranging tables and floral decorations, members arranging media publicity, yes, we even made the TV news, cleaning up afterwards, organising PA and recording facilities, and many other functions, all must be thanked for their excellent efforts.

To the Divisional Council which planned the overall week-end activities, from the special council meeting to meet the Federal President and the dinner held the previous evening in his honour, right up to the closing stages of the ceremony and afternoon tea, the whole of the activities were most gratifying. The Federal President was even able to fit into his rushed schedule a short visit to the Micro-Processor Group meeting, and an afternoon at the Federal Councillor's QTH to meet individual members and other officers active in the Division.

So I trust that this written description may have been of interest to whoever has read this far. For the South Australian Division this event has certainly been a milestone, and we hope the beginning of yet another successful era in the progress of Amateur Radio in this State. As at the date of writing the new headquarters is undergoing a great deal of use. Each Sunday the Divisional Broadcast is originated from there with VK5WI operating on 160 metres and relayed on 80, 40, 20, 10, 6 and 2 metres in Adelaide, on other frequencies in both Mount Gambier and Darwin, and until recently on 11 metres in Adelaide.

The monthly Council and General meetings are held in the building. Three nights per week see classes for those studying for the Novice Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency. Youth Radio Club classes are conducted in the building, whilst Micro-Processor Group and VHF Group meetings also take place there.

Should you at any time be in Adelaide and wish to view the Burley Griffin Building, it is located in the Thebarton Corporation yards in West Thebarton Road, Thebarton, approximately three miles west of the centre of Adelaide. All visitors are welcome to attend any of our meetings should their visit occur at an opportune time, and should you wish to inspect the building at close quarters, contact with any member of the Divisional Council would permit such an arrangement. A visit of this nature would most certainly prove worth your while I can assure you. ■

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED IN BERT'S SHACK THE OTHER MORNING

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Bert's rig is in the bedroom above his shop. The big thing about bedroom shacks is that it's all together in the one room; very cosy and intimate on nights when DX is scarce.

Bert's boudoir is not overly large. There's space for a chair at the rig but no more: a visitor must sit on the bed — in fact, this is what Bert often did when he was listening for a new prefix to show up. He used phones and his wife, Bessie, seldom stirred; she was used to his nocturnal natterings. However, if cold or snuggily amorous, she was likely to roll over on to his side of the bed and throw out an arm around her OM's waist or thereabouts, as if to say, "come on, cut out all that senseless nonsense, come back here where it is warm".

On this particular morning, Bert rose at the usual hour and set about the daily routine. First, a few quick moments at the rig to see what's doing, then downstairs to prepare the shop for its first customers. He usually left the rig on and tried for another short listen before opening up. Ernie the milkman galloped in from the pre-dawn dark outside. He painted a salutory greeting, put down his jiggling crate and prepared to write out a docket. In the silence, there came from above, the faint but clear sounds of the rig. Bert realised he'd left the gain well up.

Ernie tilted an ear. "You're one, too?" he asked.

"I'm one, two, what!" queried Bert.

"A good buddy — a CBer."

Bert drew himself up to ful stature. "I'm a member of the WIA and belong to the amateur service," he said, hoping to establish superiority at the outset.

"Oh yeah, a Ham!" said Ernie contemptuously, "I see your vertical. Does it work any DX?"

"Plenty."

"Me, too — Japan, New Zealand, the States and all over," boasted the milko. "I've got a 4 el. monster moonraker quad up 60 ft."

"Liar!" thought Bert, as he looked out through the door to a quarter wave screwed on to the bumper, but he sarcastically said, "What, on top of the van?"

A smirk spread over Ernie's eighty IQ dial. "Nah, at home — and a 100W afterburner, too."

"I hope the neighbours dob you in."

"No way, I tell 'em I'm a Ham novice just starting."

"Great for AR's image," thought Bert, "a nutty rubber duck on 11, posing as a novice on 10." He made a quick mental calculation and began to burn: Ernie's 5 watt CB-licensed set was beaming out 20 times more RF field than his own 100W Ham job. CB is full of real good buddies— they often come into his shop — but what to do with a big mouth "johnny-come-lately" like Ernie. Maybe if he heard some real DX . . .

"Got a minute?" asked Bert.

"Yeah, sure."

"Come on up and I'll let ya hear some real raries." He hoped this would make Ernie drool. "We don't switch channels, we tune bands, ya know!" Again he let sarcasm lace his voice.

At the bedroom door, Bert gave the milko the "be quiet" sign. "Ssh," he said, "the YF's asleep, but don't worry, she won't wake." Bert slid into the chair and pointed to the vacant side of the bed which was nearest the rig. After an apprehensive look at Bessie's somnolent form on the far side, Ernie eased himself gingerly down and donned a pair of phones. Eighty, forty and twenty were open and Bert tuned in a variety of DX and Ernie seemed quite impressed.

As it was early morning, Bert began to feel the call of nature. In short, he'd hafta go — and quick. "Be back in a tick," he told the milko, "tune the rig, or change bands if you want to." He'd hardly made it to the bathroom, when a piercing shriek rent the morning stillness and Bessie, clutching her nightie, shot from the bedroom, closely followed by Ernie with a look on his Dagwood dial, as if his manliness had come under threat — which it had, incidentally.

"There's a strange man in my room," Bessie screamed at Bert (she'd never seen the milko) "and you're sitting there, doing nothing."

"I am d——," began Bert.

"Go on, grab him quick," yelled his YF.

At that moment Ernie bolted past the bathroom, down the stairs and out into the dawn.

"Look at that!" said Bert, still unmoved, "not even a goodbye — or a bloody word of thanks." Then, suddenly, he tumbled to what had happened in the bedroom. He let out a great guffaw and rose to his feet, "Ha, ha, ha, so you tried to drag old "Blue Tops" into bed: he musta thought we were trying to set him up for something — they say he's a woman-hating bachelor. That'll take his mind off CB for a while. Suppose I should apologise to him — but no way!"

"Apologise?" screamed Bessie between hysterical sobs.

Bert could see he was going to cop a long rave. He should have sympathetically explained but there was the shop to open, so he turned chauvinistic instead. "Belt up," he yelled, "or I'll tell all the customers I copped you in bed with the milko."

Of course Bessie won out in the end. Bert is now relegated to the dog house, which, in his case, is at the end of a draughty verandah: but it's an ill wind that blows no good at all. As he now no longer has it all together — nor is ever likely to again, he's decided to build a super shack in the yard and throw up a monster sky hook. This will shut the biggest CB mouth and make DX a piece of cake.

By the way, Ernie still gallops in each morning, past a new 4 el. quad, deposits his milk and leaves with never a word of CB or AR. Bert just smiles in a superior sort of way at his departing back. ■

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About 90 people attended the dinner which followed. Visitors included Keith VK3YQ (Federal Councillor), John VK3ACA (Vic. Div. Secretary) and Gordon VK3TF (Vic. Div. Councillor). The after dinner speaker was Michael Goode VK3BDL, who spoke about amateur radio in England and Europe. He outlined some of the problems encountered in gaining reciprocal licences and showed a number of slides of his recent trip.

The Ararat trotting track was the venue for Sunday's activities. Mavis VK3BIR and Norma VK3AYL finally found Jim VK3NDT, the 80 m fox. The 27.125 MHz hidden transmitter was found by Gary VK3ZSP and Ron VK3KN. Trevor VK3YJT found the 146.0 MHz hidden transmitter, followed closely by Roger VK3RG. The 144.1 MHz sniffer hunt was won by Dennis VK3ZKH, with Helen Guy, harmonic VK3ZUY, second.

A magnificent array of salads prepared by the Ararat Ladies, led by Lyn, YF VK3NEK, complimented by barbeque lunch.

Following lunch the 300 Hz to 3.3 kHz scramble was won by Mavis VK3BIR, with David VK3AGB second. Chas VK3NET then delighted the crowd with his fully aerobatic radio controlled model aircraft. Stunts performed included several low rolls over the crowd, dropping a load of wrapped lollies each time.

Special guest for the day was Madam Mayor, Jess Boyles, of Ararat City Council, who presented the prizes.

A number of special Western Zone awards were also presented during the weekend.

These included the "Big Ears" award to Oliver VK3AEU, a very regular listener on RWZ-7, a specially modified tuning fork to help George VK3ALS to control his "mountain goat oscillator" and a "new improved power supply" to replace the "gas powered thermocouple" used by Woody VK3AGD during the power strike. A master control switch presented to David VK3AGB will prevent him from accidentally operating on two frequencies simultaneously. A specially silenced saw will allow Pat VK3ADN to cut wood without causing accidental QRM on RWZ-7. ■

The "Big Ears" Award being presented to Oliver VK3AEU by Woody VK3AGD. Left to right: Peter VK3AQO, Woody VK3AGD, Oliver VK3AEU.

Woody entertaining the children after the model aircraft display.

CLEARING THE AIR

Reprinted from Westlakes Radio Club Monthly Newsletter, December 1977

With 500,000 licensed amateurs in the world, and an average increase of over 50,000 a year, there will be a doubling of our numbers by 1980. This would be fine if some beneficent authority were to double the width of our bands, although even in those improbable circumstances we should still be facing the same QRM levels as we are today.

Everyone realises that the congestion on certain bands, at certain times, is beyond the joke, and that complete strangulation is sometimes very near. Therefore, since no one is going to widen them for us, we must take the matter in hand and do it for ourselves.

How could we double the effective width of the amateur bands, as we know them today? One answer would be a worldwide agreement whereby every amateur restricted himself to working for only half the available time — either by going on the air on alternate days, or by restricting his operation to alternate periods of one hour or two hours. This method would be effective (if it could be enforced), but would obviously be extremely unpopular. And it would be an admission of defeat — rather like improving the roads of this country by allowing motorists to drive on alternate days. If we were all to talk less — that would be equivalent to increasing the space available on the bands. And this should be pretty easy, when one notes the enormous amount of long-winded natter that drools on and on without imparting any information whatever. Maybe this is how the term "talkpower" was derived in the first place! And, of course, the use of long calls when a short snappy one would be more than effective. And the use of phonetics repeated at nauseum, like "I spell for you" and so on.

In several European and Asian countries it is obvious that a semi-trained type of operator can be let loose with the most primitive transmitting gear. Either these countries do not go in for any form of monitoring, or their authorities simply do not care what happens as long as it is happening in an amateur band. A VK with a bad signal is relatively easy to deal with; how do you cope with a HA, an LZ or a YU who, apart from having a thoroughly wicked signal, is virtually impossible to communicate with on the subject? Nine times out of ten, if you tell this chap that his signal is a bad T6, with chirp and clicks, he will reply, "TKS for FB report, OM, my QSL for sure" — and then where are you?

An operator who uses up twice the necessary time to complete a QSO is as bad as another man who uses twice the width of the band with a broad signal. It is not the intention that QSOs should be reduced to rubber stamp standards. On the other hand, what one might call "unnecessary prattle" can be cut down a lot and still leave some meat on the bone. Listen to a great many nets and call backs, at some length, and if you are honest you will be forced to admit that a lot of people keep on talking for the sake of talking. The next words are usually, "I'd better keep it short!"

Why do we take so long saying goodbye? How often do you hear three finals and a "final-final" types working out the variations on 73, see you again, hope to meet you soon, thanks for the 100 per cent enjoyable QSO, all the best — simply because they couldn't drag themselves away. And the other type of horror "This is VK2 Blah-Blah over and off and clear, and pulling the big switch, with VK4 Blah-Blah who is located 25 km north of Townsville . . ." The VOX operators are pretty slick these days. But there are those who deliver long monologues and do not listen-through at all. A command of the situation calls for much use of "aahs" and "uughs" to hold the VOX in all the time. In the end the group has vanished without a soul on the frequency. The use of phonetics is a waste of time when a 5/9 signal is being received. If you happen to live in Parramaribo, Tananarivo or even Blagoveschensk, the horror is most complete. Use phonetics when plain language can't get through but the misuse makes us all sound like a mob of Charlie Bakers. ■

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BASIC ANTENNAE FOR OSCAR SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

By Dave Clingerman W6OAL
Submitted by Bob Arnold VK3ZBB

This article presents three basic types of antennas and the derivation of each. Since the launch of the AMSAT-OSCAR 6 spacecraft the author has, at one time or another, tried every type of antenna imaginable, for satellite communications, from a coat hanger ground plane to a log periodic helix.

During this five year period of experimentation the various configurations have been used to set such world records as, first aeronautical mobile amateur satellite communication including an airborne satellite command station over the Pacific Ocean. This was accomplished using a bent brass rod ground plane. The first maritime mobile, transcontinental amateur satellite contact was conducted using a "J" antenna for uplink and a dipole for downlink. The first automobile-in-motion amateur satellite Trans-Pacific contact was completed using a "J" on one side of the vehicle for uplink and a Webster Band Spanner mobile antenna on the other side. The claimed longest distance contact via amateur satellite, 9,264 km, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands to Tacoma, Washington was completed using a ground plane and longwire on the South Pacific end of the contact. In the setting of all these records low power was used (below ten watts), so "brute force" is not the name of the game.

A ground plane antenna (GP) can be built onto a female coaxial fitting, a BNC, N, and SO-239 being most common. This allows a coaxial feed, a great convenience. If you're a stickler for low VSWR and good impedance matching, droop the radials to about 42 deg. out of the horizontal. This increases the impedance from the normal GP, 36 ohms to approximately 50 ohms. This type of antenna can be used for both uplink and downlink. It is a fixed frequency device and an SWR approaching 2:1 will be noticed at operation ±10% of the frequency for which it was constructed. GPs are noted for their low angle of radiation and that is where you want to put your power, toward the horizons. The "cone of silence" mentioned in various texts occurring directly above a GP may not be noticed due to the very high sensitivity exhibited by the OSCAR series spacecraft receivers. The GP can be mounted almost anywhere without difficulty, preferably above existing structures; an outrigger from the existing ham tower; a pole stuck in the backyard; a fence post; the eaves of the house to mention a few.

From two metres, up in frequency or down in wavelength, the GPs are not very visible, especially if painted sky-blue. I make this point in case the intended operation is to be in a neighbourhood of grouches or if an apartment type of operation.

Building the GP involves a minimum of material. Brazing rod is the author's mainstay for such projects. Plain copper wire will work, however flimsy. For a ten metre GP, a modified CB antenna will work great plus they are already of proven design and inexpensive. Used ones are readily available for little or nothing. For the higher frequencies, as previously mentioned, a coax fitting can be used for the hub. Then radials, at least four, can be soldered to the fitting and the radiating element to the centre conductor. The plane may also be made of a circular sheet of aluminium or formed into a cone in order to achieve the degree of matching desired.

A derivation of the GP is the 5/8 wavelength radiator. Several advantages are available in this configuration. The first being an approximate 1.8 dB gain over the conventional GP or almost the same gain as a vertical dipole. Secondly, a slightly lower angle of radiation which is the reason for the increased gain; thirdly, and possibly the most attractive feature, is the radiating element may be affixed directly to the radial system, plane or mounting device. Part of the radiating element is wound into a three turn coil. The centre conductor of the coax is tapped to this coil and soldered in place at the point where the lowest obtainable VSWR is measured on the intended frequency of operation. Brass or copper rod/tubing will work well in this application. Steel rod is hard to work with and equally difficult to solder to. With a little torch work, stainless steel can be used and would weather the best. To keep weather out of the coax, tin the braid before affixing it to the counterpoise and saturate the open end with Glyptal or seal it with Selastic Rubber. The 5/8 wavelength antenna may also be built on a female bulkhead coax fitting if desired.

The dipole antenna is a centre fed half wavelength radiator. Its characteristic impedance is 72 ohms. It is generally utilised in a horizontal configuration, some applications may necessitate its vertical usage. Horizontally it is a bi-directional radiator; vertically it's omni-directional with a low radiation angle. The dipole when used in the HF region and constructed of wire requires two structures for support. Vertically it may be mounted to a single structure preferably wooden or other non-metallic material in order to reduce pattern distortion. Coax feed is the normally applied method, but 72 ohm ribbon is available from Beldon Cable Company. In the application of a folded dipole, 300 ohm TV twinlead is readily available and inexpensive.

A dipole may be constructed of wire, tubing, brazing rod, flat stock, whatever may be available. In the category of VHF/UHF dipoles, construction may be on, again, a coax fitting. Baluns may be added, but for the sake of simplicity are not required.

Mounting a dipole .2-.25 wavelength above a sheet of aluminium that, on a side, is 5% greater than the length of the dipole yields a system of 3 dB more gain than a dipole by itself, and becomes unidirectional. The configuration makes it a handy, portable antenna for 2 metres or 70 cm. It does not have quite the aperture (capture area) required for very weak signal reception but for OSCAR work it performs quite well.

A derivation of the dipole antenna is the "Turnstile". This comprises two dipoles perpendicular to each other and fed through a 1/4 wave coaxial balun. The result is a cloverleaf pattern effectively doubling the aperture and enhancing propagational properties. The "Turnstile" may also be mounted above a reflector as previously mentioned with the dipole. The dipole configurations exhibit a slightly greater tolerance to frequency excursions than the GP. The order of ±12-15% should not raise the VSWR over 2:1 especially at 145 MHz and above. Unless the VSWR is extremely high, it won't be all that noticeable because of the feed line loss. The best policy is to cut the dipoles for the frequency to be most used and don't worry about occasional frequency and accompanying VSWR excursions.

At this point I'd like to introduce a frequency independent antenna, the Discone. The main advantage of this type of antenna for satellite communications is it may be used for uplinking on one bird and downlinking on another. An 8:1 frequency range with the VSWR remaining below 1.5:1 can certainly be appreciated by those of us who don't have a great deal of room for varied multiple arrays. The Discone is fixmounted with ease and simplicity incorporating a small diameter centre pole. It is omni-directional and vertically polarised. The feed-point arrangement is such that 50 ohm coax is used. The material needed in the construction of this antenna requires nothing fancy. Brazing rod and hardware cloth (copper screen) plus a suitable insulating material, preferably Teflon, is all that need be used. Such a large frequency range doesn't require the crowding at the bottom end of the design band. In most cases this antenna will be built for 2 metres as the bottom band. A rule of thumb is to drop the design frequency 20% below the lowest frequency you intend to use. Even to use 100 MHz as the design frequency allows the coverage of three ham bands, two of them common to the present OSCAR series. The space required for this antenna is less than two cubic feet. This still isn't too large to be used on an apartment dweller's balcony.

Construction details are not the subject of this article, however, dimensions are available in Bill Orr's *Radio Handbook* and

Henry Jasik's *Antenna Engineering Handbook.*

Last, but not least, let's look at the Yagi antenna for satellite operation. The Yagi is narrow-banded but a derivation of the Yagi, the "Log Periodic", which I will discuss later, is frequency independent. Similar in band-width to the Discone, the Yagi is unidirectional having a front to back ratio of 15-25 dB depending on the number of elements and their spacing. As a basic antenna let's consider a three element Yagi on 2 metres. The boom is approximately 2 feet long. The longest element (reflector) is approximately 40 inches. A gain of 4.5 dB is obtainable over a dipole. It would require a little over 2 feet for turning radius. A light weight TV rotor would be adequate. For best results a fixed tilt angle of 30 deg. is suggested unless elevation control is contemplated. The boom can be wood or metal, the elements aluminium tubing, but stiff clothes line wire will work fine. A variety of matching systems may be used. This is left to the constructor's preference. Myself, I'd use a matching system that allows the use of coax for the sake of simplicity.

As we progress higher in frequency, the Yagi becomes smaller allowing us to add more elements and still conserve space. A word of caution — the more elements, the longer the boom, the sharper the beamwidth, lots of time spent in repositioning (manual tracking), i.e., reduced operating time. In the embryo stages of your satellite communicating, the emphasis should be on operating, not pin-point tracking.

The "Log Periodic" type of Yagi is independent of frequency over about a 10:1 range. This type of antenna allows multiband operation with one antenna and without the compromises of traps. The LP requires no special type of match since one-half the composite boom is feed (hot) along with all the elements on that boom half. The second half acts as a balun plus supports the other assembly of dipole halves. Here again economy is stressed. The elements may be clothes line wire or aluminium heli-arc rod swaged into holes in the two-piece main boom structure. Even though the LP has a lot of elements, the gain on any one frequency will not be more than a three element Yagi. In operation, the LP has one element that resonates at the frequency of operation, a longer element behind acting inductively as a reflector and forward element acting capacitively as a director.

I hope to have inspired some of you who have thought about satellite communications to try it. Contrary to some erroneous belief, large steerable arrays are not needed and high power is for the most part wasted. I used as little as 0.5 watt to set the world distance record, so I'm sure you can do a lot with 100 watts to a GP, dipole, Discone or turnstile. Let's hear you via OSCAR. ■

THE YOUTH RADIO SERVICE IN N.S.W.

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WHAT IS THE Y.R.S.?

The Youth Radio Service is a service of the Wireless Institute of Australia, and was formed to further the Institute's educational aims. It was originally a confederation of Radio Clubs, mostly involved with young people starting out in Radio, but now caters for people of all ages looking for help in studying Amateur Radio, so the term "Youth" is now only partly correct. Thus we often term it the Y.R.S. Education Service.

The Y.R.S. meets annually, and member clubs determine policy and elect an executive committee to carry out the aims of the service throughout the year. The present executive is:

State Supervisor: Ken Hargreaves VK2AKH, 52 Marlin Avenue, Floraville, 2280.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST OPENING ADDRESS

Opening address by Mr. H. S. Young for the 30th RD Contest 1977

(Mr. H. S. Young has recently retired from the P. and T. Department, Radio Frequency Management Branch, having held the post of Assistant Secretary, in charge.)

It is a privilege indeed to have been given the opportunity to open your Remembrance Day Contest for this year.

Of the various contests that are open to members of the Amateur Service in this country, this particular one is surely of special significance in that it serves to remind us that there have been periods in our telecommunications history when we have had to temporarily shelve the practice of amateur radio and instead take up arms in the defence of our country.

The worth of the amateur radio operator in times of hostilities, with his broad understanding of telecommunications technology, and practical operating experience, has been amply demonstrated, and is no doubt appreciated in the Defence area, as well as by members of the community at large.

Unfortunately, it is one of the sad facts of war that casualties are inevitable and of course Australian amateurs serving in the Armed Forces have suffered in this regard.

It is to these men that we should direct our thoughts on the occasion of the Remembrance Day Contest.

What better way of revering their memory and expressing our gratitude for the sacrifices they made, that we may be permitted to pursue our various interests in a free society, than by engaging in a competitive exercise in the very communication medium which in life they knew so well.

As you participate in this Contest you will doubtless be conscious of the fact that there are a number of countries whose administrations do not condone amateur radio activities at all. I believe we can indeed count our blessings in this regard.

In these days, when heavy pressure is being brought to bear by some Administrations for greater radio frequency spectrum, it is not so surprising that some overseas countries consider the amateur service as one rating a very low priority in the allocation of spectrum, if indeed, any at all. It goes without saying, of course, that in such circumstances the Australian amateur movement must remain ever watchful of the influence that such people can bring to bear, especially in the international forum that decides these issues.

It is surely important for the amateur service to continue to be seen, in the eyes of the various communities throughout the world, as one forming a particularly useful part of our human society. A service which is also capable of providing a noteworthy contribution to education in radio communication technology, as well as practical communication expertise.

I believe that competitive contests such as the one you are about to commence are a worthwhile contribution towards achieving this end.

And now I know you are all anxious to commence operating in your contest, so I should just like to conclude by saying "thank you for listening", and that it gives me a great deal of pleasure to declare this, your 30th Remembrance Day Contest, open.

Good luck and happy hunting to you all. ■

QSP

LET'S QSY TO CP-LAND

The Radio Club Boliviano reports complete understanding between themselves and their Director-General of Telecommunications, with a cordial relationship and mutual respect so that any transactions, including the granting of licences, revalidations or upgradings are completed within 48 hours. Another aspect of these relations is that the Club's Board of Directors receives preferential treatment, namely that when an interview is requested it is granted immediately and the matters submitted for consideration are resolved within a spirit of great understanding. From IARU R2 News November 1977.

WIA CORRESPONDENCE

Postal and Telecommunications Department
G.P.O., Box 5412CC,
Melbourne, Vic. 3001.

Secretary,
Wireless Institute of Australia,
517 Toorak Road,
TOORAK, VIC. 3142.

Dear Sir,

I refer to previous correspondence advising of the temporary withdrawal of the use frequency band 26.96-27.23 MHz by the Amateur Radio Service to accommodate the Citizens' Radio Service and of the arrangements made for the use of the band 28.1-28.6 MHz by the Novice Amateur Service.

It was recognised, of course, that certain Novice Amateur station licensees could perhaps suffer some immediate disadvantages as a result of the withdrawal of the band concerned because of the need to purchase new equipment or, where practicable, to have their existing units modified.

Accordingly approval was sought and has been obtained from the Minister to a proposal that any existing Novice Amateur radio station licensee who was so disadvantaged and who desires to participate in the Citizens' Radio Service (CRS) may be granted a special licence to cover participation in both the Novice Amateur service and the CRS. The annual fee for such a licence has been set at the normal rate for a CRS station licence, namely $25.

It would be appreciated if you could see your way clear to arrange for the new provision mentioned to be publicised through the Institute's normal channels please. The new special licences will be available from Offices of the State Superintendents, Regulatory and Licensing, of the Department.

Yours faithfully,
D. WILLIAMSON,
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Radio Frequency Management. ■

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   Norway.
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F	Buskerud
H	Telemark
I	Aust-Agder
K	Vest-Agder
L	Rogaland
O	Bergan (City)
R	Hordaland
S	Sogn og Fjordane
T	More og Romsdal
U	Sor Trondelag
V	Nord-Trondelag
W	Nordland
X	Troms
Y	Finmark
Z	Vestfold

OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

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JX	Jan Mayen
JW	Svalbard

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(WRN)

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(WRN)

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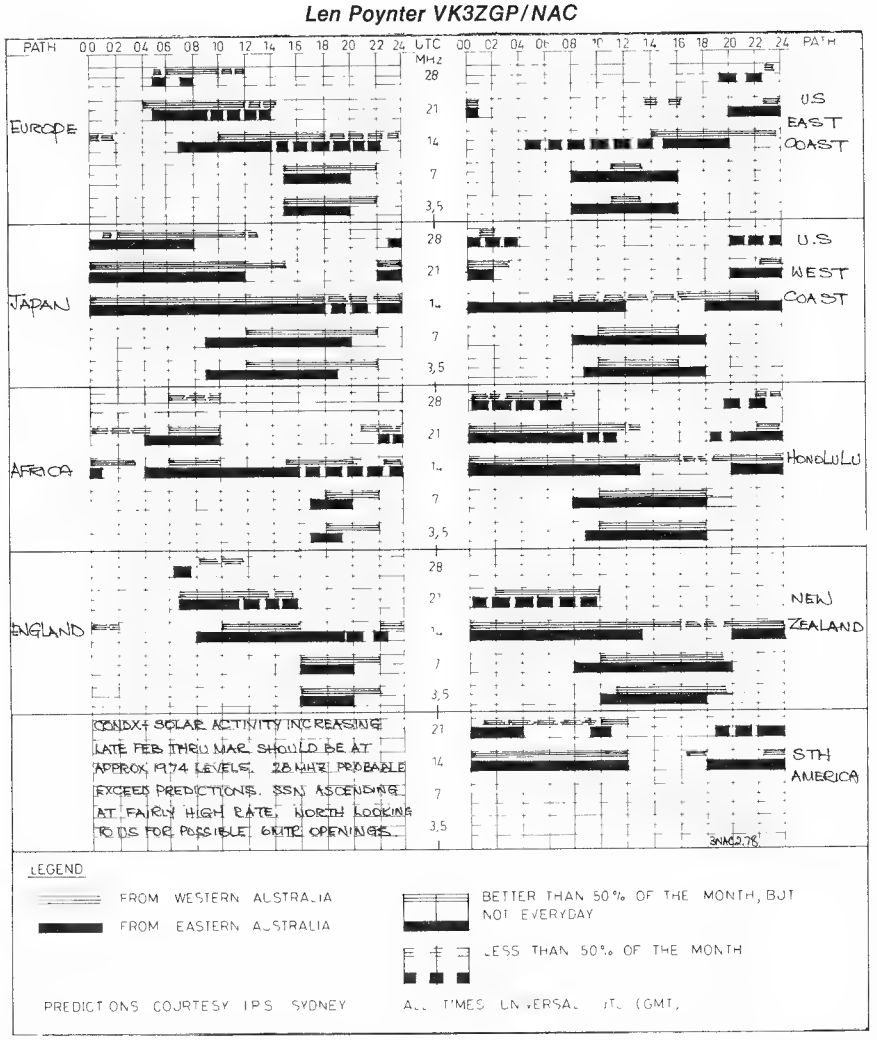

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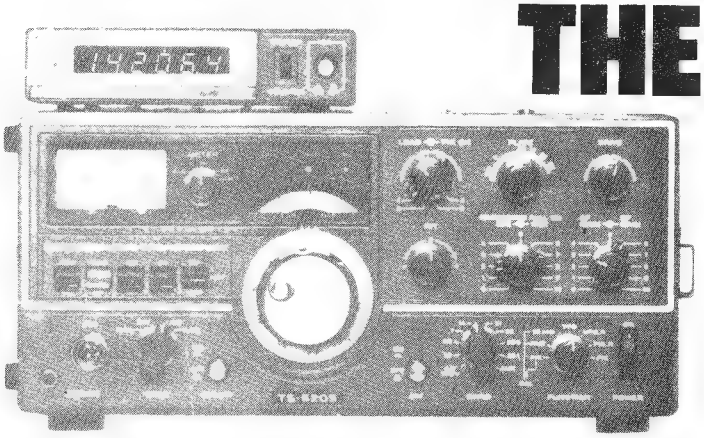

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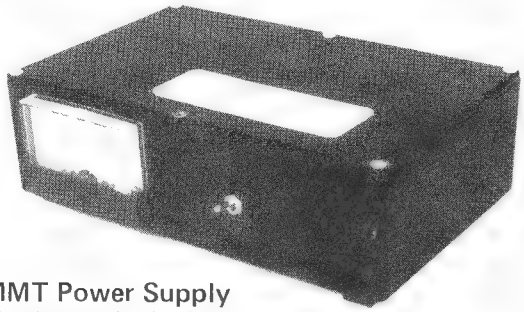

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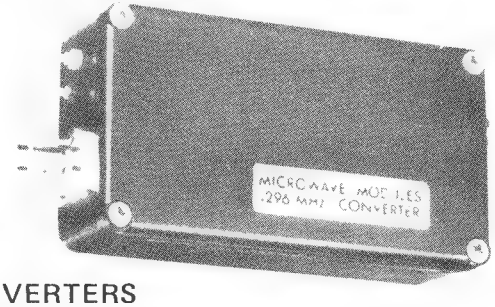

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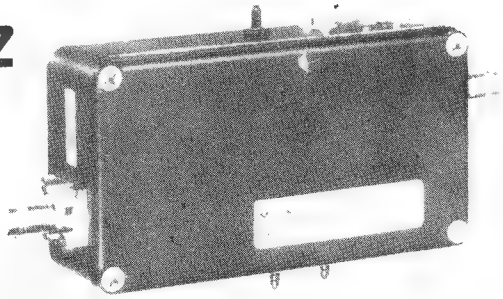

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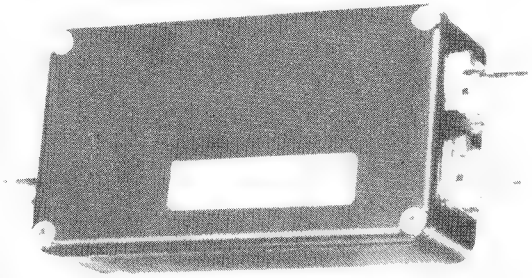

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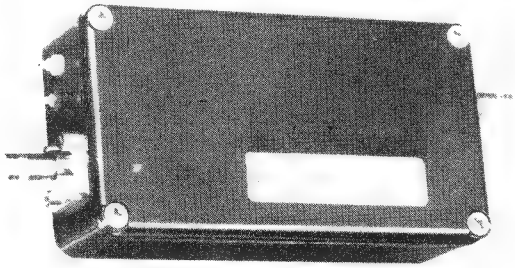

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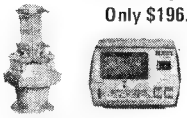

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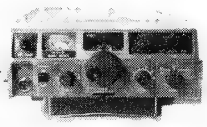

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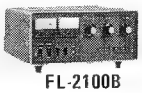
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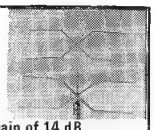

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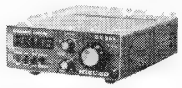

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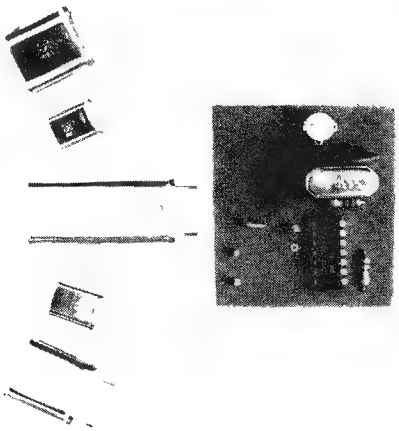

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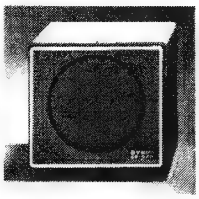

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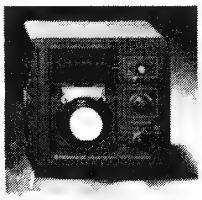

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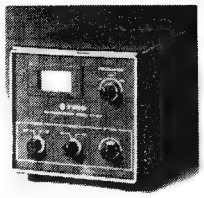

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The latest information received from Hari JA1ANG the Amsat Pacific Co-ordinator via Charlie VK3ACR is that the launch date of OSCAR D is now set at 5th March, 1978. We also hear that the Russian series of satellites have been delayed and will be launched "sometime in 1978".

In the hope of obtaining some authoritative information on the RS series I have been in communication with the Ambassador of the USSR in Canberra. His Excellency tells me he has sent my request to Moscow and I await further information with interest.

During November and December, Mode B of OSCAR 7 has been intermittent and quite disconcerting for its loyal band of operators. The cause of the unprogrammed switches to Mode A has been overloading of the transverter by European stations which in turn causes excessive battery drain within the satellite. I had heard of this problem in the UK and of the lack of response from at least two stations when requested to operate in a reasonable fashion. Despite this lack of available orbits, the following new stations have been heard on Mode B: VK2ZTA, VK3YFU, ZL3THM, ZL3AAD, VK2BIE.

Dave Hull VK3ZDH, who operates the Australian Command Station for OSCAR reports that during November he made a vigorous attempt to switch on OSCAR 6. Unfortunately, this effort was to no avail and it must now be presumed that the satellite is permanently inoperable.

This information has been confirmed by others, so after 56 months of operation, OSCAR 6 is quiet.

OSCAR 6 was launched from Vandenburg Air Force Base in California on 15th October 1972 and had a designed life of twelve months, and through the dedication of the command stations including our own Dave Hull, the four-year life was achieved.

OSCAR 6 achieved many distinctions, including:

- First Amateur Communications Satellite capable of responding to telemetered commands.
- First Amateur Satellite with dual frequency beacons of 29.45 MHz and 435 MHz.
- First long life Amateur Satellite with regular two-way communication capability.
- The use of Codestore for the automatic retransmission of a telemetered message.
- Used by many US educational institutions for classroom instruction.
- Used in the development of a downed-aircraft emergency location system (ELT) in a joint venture between the Canadian and United States Governments.
- Discovery of the Inverted Doppler propagation mode using the 435 MHz beacon.
- Used in numerous tests involving transmission of medical data between medical institutions and field mobile to medical institutions.
- Numerous propagation experiments.
- Allowed regular communication between all continents involving over 100 countries.
- First Inter-Satellite communication involving AMSAT-OSCAR 6 and AMSAT-OSCAR 7.
- First transmission of meteorological data using 110 baud ASC11 from a remote platform.

So, we say farewell to our friend and say a sincere Thank You to the designers of the venture, from Australia, Canada, Germany and the USA, together with those involved in the command operation of the satellite.

Last month I mentioned my purchase of a copy of "OSCAR — Amateur Radio Satellites" by Stratis Caramanolis the English language edition of which is distributed by the RSGB at £4.20 post free. The first six chapters of the book deal with the theory and practice of satellite operation including orbital geometry, satellite anatomy, fundamentals of communication and telemetry. These chapters give the reader a sound grounding in the basics of satellites which will be invaluable when considering our future programmes.

Chapter 7 gives a comprehensive review of the OSCAR series giving in one compact volume all the data necessary to evaluate past operating practices. Then follows considerable data to operate amateur satellites ranging from frequency to orbital calculations.

Details are also given of the use of the OSCAR series for educational purposes, QRP tests, Slow Scan TV and data transmission. The book is amply illustrated with photographs and drawings and the basic mathematical treatment of the subject is quite easy to follow through worked examples.

Perhaps my own disappointment with this excellent book was the lack of treatment of practical antenna systems, and I have therefore, presented an article from Amsat newsletter on this subject which may answer many questions I am repeatedly asked. The article is published elsewhere in this issue.

OSCAR, 7 ORBITAL PREDICTIONS, FEBRUARY '78

Date	Mode	Orbit	Time Z	Long.
01	B	14700	0152	84.0
02	A	14712	0051	68.8
03	B	14725	0146	82.4
04	A	14737	0045	67.3
05	B	14750	0139	80.9
06	A	14762	0039	65.7
07	B	14775	0133	79.3
08	A	14787	0032	64.1
09	B	14800	0127	77.7
10	A	14812	0026	62.6
11	B	14825	0120	76.2
12	A	14837	0019	61.0
13	B	14850	0114	74.5
14	A	14862	0013	59.4
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20	A	14939	0154	83.4
21	B	14950	0048	68.3
22	A	14963	0148	81.9
23	B	14975	0042	66.7
24	A	14988	0141	80.2
25	B	15000	0035	65.1
26	A	15013	0135	78.7
27	B	15025	0029	63.6
28	A	15038	0128	77.2

For the benefit of those who wish to listen for or work through, OSCAR 7, the following table, used in conjunction with the above data, will give the **approximate** time of acquisition of the satellite in various locations for a range of evening passes.

For each day of the month listed above, the **GMT time** is given at the time the satellite crosses the equator on the first pass for that day and the longitude is the position in degrees West of the meridian of that crossing.

For each subsequent pass over the equator, add 115 minutes to the time shown and 28.7 degrees to the longitude shown. Round off the longitude to the nearest 5 degrees — this figure is called the Ascending Node (AN).

Select the capital city nearest your position and find the AN in the table. Then read off the "Add Minutes" in the top row. Add this to the time calculated above and the result will give the time of satellite acquisition for the selected pass.

Looking at the overhead pass column, if the AN determined is less than that figure the pass will be East of you and if the AN determined is greater than the overhead pass, it will be to your West.

All evening passes are from South to North and are in sight for between 16 and 24 minutes depending on the AN.

For more accurate information and morning pass calculations, refer to Amateur Radio, October 1972.

Example:

For Melbourne 07 Feb. 78

Time 01.33Z Long. 79.3° Mode B.

For Pass No. 4

Time is 01.33 + 4 x 115 min.
= 01.33 + 07.40
= 09.13

Ascending Node is 79.3 + 4 x 28.7
= 79.3 +114.8
= 194.1

Rounding off AN = 195

From Time Correction Table:—
for AN 195 Add 92 mins. (01.32)

Therefore, Time of Acquisition is . . .
09.13 + 01.32
= 10.45 GMT

As AN 195 is less than but near to, the Overhead pass, the satellite pass will be East of Melbourne but high in the sky at its peak, and being near overhead will be in sight for almost 24 minutes. ■

TIME CORRECTION FOR ASCENDING NODES

Overhead	Add Minutes	100	98	96	94	92	90
190	Sydney	155	160	165-175	180-200	205-235	—
200	Melbourne	—	160	165-170	175-185	190-220	225-250
205	Adelaide . ..	—	170	175-185	190-205	210-250	—
200	Hobart	—	—	155-160	165-170	175-190	195-225
185	Brisbane	155-160	165-170	{220-230 {175-195	200-215	—	—
225	Perth	190	195-200	205-215	220-270	—	—

IARU NEWS

WARC 79

The August '77 issue of the Telecommunication Journal notified a resolution of the ITU Administrative Council that as WARC 79 will need to take account of technical advances, new services, more intensive use of the frequency spectrum and the use of higher frequencies than presently used and that a considerable amount of technical information will be required to ensure that the Conference achieves the best results, it was resolved to invite the CCIR to carry out the necessary studies and to arrange for a special joint meeting of CCIR study groups on 23rd October 1978 for a duration of four weeks as a Special Preparatory Meeting to provide technical bases for WARC 79.

2m DX RECORD

A new 2 metre DX record was set up on 9th October last during a spell of intense TEP observed on 6m. Initial CW contact was established on 145.9 MHz between YV5ZZ and LU1DAU whereafter both stations switched to SSB. The distance was 5044 km (3135 miles), both stations used 10-element cross-polarised Yagis, the former station was operating portable with 200W input and the latter 100W input. At the end of the QSO YV5ZZ then worked LU7DJZ under similar conditions. Congratulations. ■

REPEATERS

WESTLAKES REPEATER

From Westlakes Newsletter, Oct. 77

One of the most common gripes heard on the air about the Westlakes Repeater is the fact that it times out after two minutes. This is the reason that the repeater if often left idle for long periods without usage. Users just don't like timeouts under five minutes! This special feature is known as the Westlakes Waffle-Stopper and isn't there some.

No over should be longer than two minutes on any repeater. Always leave a pause between overs for breakers. Let breakers in as soon as possible as they don't "break" for fun. Don't develop the fastest button finger in the west. If possible, go simplex as soon as contact is established. If you wonder why the channel seems dead when you call CQ — ask yourself whether you are a good operator or a waffler.

MT. GININI REPEATER ACCESS

From "The Lyrebird", Oct. 77

The Mid South Coast Amateur Radio Club has made an unusual contribution to mobile VHF operators travelling the Princes Highway on the South Coast of NSW. This is the planned provision of "access" points in various locations to enable amateurs to reach repeaters not normally accessible when mobile.

The first of these points, giving access to VK1RGI on Mt. Ginini, has been installed in the Milton-Ulladulla district, 233 km south of Sydney.

An eight-element beam antenna (a "Quagi" refer QST April 77) has been mounted on a convenient tree and the co-ax feeder brought underground to a strong steel box fastened to a fence post on the side of a little-used track.

The gain of the antenna is estimated to be about 12-13 dB. The loss in the co-ax feeder is about 2.5 dB. The SWR is less than 2:1. Provided propagation conditions are reasonable, the ten watts or so from the average transceiver should get a good noise-free signal into VK1RGI.

The box is padlocked, but amateurs can by-pass the lock by pushing a pencil or small stick through a hole in the front lid. Inside the box is about 4 metres of co-axial feeder terminated with a PL259 plug for connection to your rig.

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To find the box, turn off the Princes Highway at the Ulladulla Post Office (opposite the harbour) and travel west along Green Street for about 1.5 km. At the end of this street are five white "termination" posts, skirt around these and continue straight on about 100 metres following the power lines. The box is on the right side fence opposite the first power pole.

Prospective mobiles should make a note of the above against the time they may be in this area.

The Club is making surveys to provide more access points for Mt. Ginini and Wollongong repeaters at several locations along the coast.

It would be appreciated if visitors would fill in the log book and securely lock the box.

— Information from Frank VK2HQ ■

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Any opinion expressed under this heading is the individual opinion of the writer and does not necessarily coincide with that of the publishers.

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

In the September issue of Amateur Radio mention was made by Sam Voron VK2BVS of the formation of a VK/CB club. After discussions with Sam a Victorian Division of the VK/CB club is being formed and as Victorian Co-ordinator I cordially invite VK3 amateurs to join the VK/CB club and assist in educating CBers to a standard suitable for a pass in the Novice Amateur Licence. The aim of the club is to assist the CBer in the use of his or her station and to minimise friction between the two radio services, Amateur and Citizens, where basically each service achieves similar goals.

Membership to the VK/CB club is open to all interested. The VK/CB club will work together with various CB clubs in Victoria and will reflect a spirit of the amateurs contribution to the development of the Citizens Radio Service.

For further details on the VK/CB club in Victoria, write to Mark Stephenson, 43 Cuthbert Road, Reservoir, 3073, enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope to assist in a prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Stephenson,
Victorian Co-ordinator (VK/CB Club).

The Editor,
Dear Sir,
Just a few lines through your column to thank the many amateurs who gave me encouragement and assistance after the fire which destroyed my home and all my gear. Although the fire was in October 1976 this is the first opportunity I have had to thank them all.

We are now re-established in our new home and will be looking for some new gear to get back on the air.

Again thanks.

73s'
Dan A. Clift VK2DC. ■

The Editor,
Dear Sir,
Re YJ8KM.
My apologies to all Novices awaiting confirmation of QSO with YJ8KM. My recent wedding has delayed despatch of the cards; also the overwhelming demand for that country and its close proximity to Australia (easily worked on 80 metres) have completely exhausted both Ken's and my QSL supplies. A new set of cards will shortly be printed. To those who sent a s.a.s.e. thanks, to those who didn't, check your cards from the Bureau after Christmas.

73's
Steve Gregory VK3OT ■

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

I refer to the letter from Mr. N. W. Lavelle VK3ABH, in November AR, wherein he refers to the Russian pulse interference, and states, quote:

"I have yet to see any evidence that official objections have been lodged at any level."

I would like to inform him and all others interested that, since the Russion P9 Pulse first appeared in our bands, 35 completed Appendix 8 forms covering 105 separate observed intrusions on 100 separate segments in the 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz band have been handed to officers of the Radio Frequency Management Division of the Postal and Telecommunications Department.

I might also mention that several hundred further reports on other intruders, broadcast stations, etc., have also been lodged. Many more would have been presented if more amateur operators had offered themselves as regular intruder watch observers, but such is not the case. I have made appeals on WIA broadcasts, and since February 1977 have sent letters fully detailing our needs to the secretaries of 10 clubs and zones, and have received **only one reply.**

We **cannot force** the authorities to act on our reports. We can only make representations. We have done so, as the above details indicate.

I am yours hamfully,

Ivor Stafford VK3XB,
Acting Federal Intruder Watch Co-ordinator. ■

The Editor,
Dear Sir,
Reading an article on "How to become a Radio Amateur" stirred me into writing an article for the benefit of amateurs. In this particular article one paragraph is very interesting, it read:

"If it had not been for the courage, persistence and tenacity of a relatively few enthusiasts — particularly in America and England — amateur radio would have died in those post-war years and the world of communication would have lost us services of hundreds of technical people . . ."

Perhaps the death of amateur radio is or isn't happening — nevertheless the interest in this paragraph lies in the fact that in our day and age there are still only a few persistent and tenacious people keeping amateur radio alive, and one group doing just that are the Intruder Watchers.

I often hear of people complaining about commercial stations or RTTY stations creating QRM in the 80/40 metre bands — unfortunately these same people do nothing about it! Have they ever heard of hetrodyning an intruder — or noting down/taping the intruders — then relaying the information to their Intruder Watch Co-ordinator? Obviously an amateur cannot be a member of every radio club in the State, participate in fox hunts or in seminars and contend with an XYL too — but surely he can contribute a little to amateur radio by ensuring that the bands are free of unwanted and illegal stations?

CBers took over 27 MHz — were they not intruders? Two metres is slowly being taken over in the same manner (although assuming that the intruders are all CBers is false). Unfortunately, **you** the ordinary amateur will not stir until **your** particular favourite frequencies are threatened! Don't wait until then to act, do it now while something can be done!!

It's not up to Alf Chandler and his Co-ordinators to do all the work — it's up to **you** to help, after all, they are your bands — AT THE MOMENT!!

Particular frequencies to watch are 3535 kHz, 3550 kHz, 3560 kHz, 3640 kHz, 7060 kHz, 7070 kHz, and 7090 kHz. Details needed are station identification, types of transmission and periods of transmission. Details should be sent to your Intruder Watch Co-ordinator in the State in which you live.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Stephenson L30848
(awaiting Novice call). ■

The Editor,
Dear Sir,
I would like to advise you on a couple of matters which may be newsworthy in AR.

Firstly, last night (23/11/1977) at 0910Z during a normal sked with my friend Graham ZL2AGU in Havelock North, on 3.570, I suggested that we try to contact on 21.170 MHz, which we did at 0920Z. Quite reasonable signals were received both ways — even though the band was not good. I then suggested that we try 10 metres — 28.550 MHz.

I had another rig running on this frequency and gave ZL2AGU a call at 0930Z, and he came back to me. Not strong — S 0 but readability 5, and he gave me R 4/5 S 0. So I had made three contacts on 3 bands with the same station within half an hour, on virtually two "dead" bands. I guess this is a record.

Now, the other item — and something which needs correcting — is the information which AR published over a year ago, called "G5RV Antenna, by G5RV, the Man Himself".

All text books and AR are wrong in giving the length of the **300 ohm flat TV ribbon feeder as 29 ft. 6 in.**

The **correct** length of 300 ohm ribbon is **32 ft. 6 in.** No wonder people were troubled with SWR problems. How do I know? Simple. Recently I had a QSO on 80 m with a ZL who was using a G5RV and his signal was superb — he told me his SWR was **flat** on **all bands** except 28 megs and it was **1.6-1** on this band. When I asked him for further details, he then told me that he often has a sked with Lou Varney G5RV on 40 m, and Varney told him that "somehow the text books published the wrong information".

His own 300 ohm flat ribbon is **32 ft. 6 in.** and he **does not** use a balun.

I gave this information to a "N" call friend of mine and now his signal on 80 m is excellent.

So that's the story. Also what about publishing something on the "10 x 10 International" net, so that amateurs may join in on this 10 metre band and thus populate the band. I am the first Novice in VK7 to have qualified for my "10 x 10" certificate — my number is 14763.

Vy 73,
Jim Davis VK7NOW,
Activity Officer MWIA, North-Western Branch.

(Any takers for an item on the 10 x 10 net? —Ed.) ■

15 Broughton Street, Tumut 2720, N.S.W.

The Editor,
Dear Sir,
Not yet being a Novice operator as I failed the last theory examination. I don't know if you will read this letter or print it, but I would like to write it anyway.

(We are doing both, Butch!! — Ed.)

Firstly let me say how truly sorry and shocked I was to hear of the passing of Tubby Vale. I am one of the unfortunate people who never got to thank him on air for his help in the morse sessions. I will miss his key pounding away very much.

I was a bit disappointed to read of the bitterness that some of your readers have toward Citizens' Radio operators. I know that most of the rot you can hear is a bit trying, but you must try to remember that most of them don't know what they are doing wrong? I am sure that if they had someone with VK knowledge most of them could become responsible amateurs (let's face it, we all have to learn from someone).

We had a problem in Tumut as small as it is, and we were very fortunate that local VKs here came forward and helped us, and we now have a good Amateur Radio Club.

I am not trying to excuse anyone on any side, I am just feeling glad that our local VKs came forward when they did to help us on to a radio career.

Yours faithfully,
Butch Chapmen. ■

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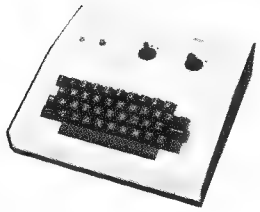

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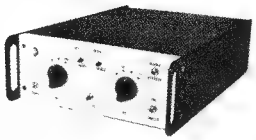

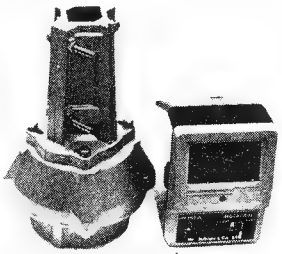

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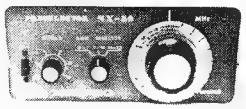

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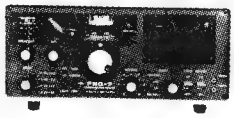

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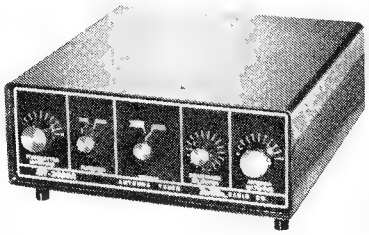

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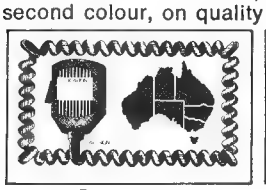

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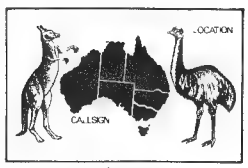

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* Despite the letter from Selwyn ZL2BJO correcting the ZL2VHP beacon frequency to 52.250 last month, in speaking to John VK2BHO recently he said the beacon was still operating on 52.500 — so what gives?

As these notes are written the end of 1977 has arrived, with plenty of mixed feelings regarding the type of VHF DX season experienced so far. There seems ample evidence in many areas of VK that something upset the E layers of the atmosphere to produce a long drought on six metres for about a fortnight at least during the middle of December. In VK5 as in many of the eastern States areas the 23rd and 24th December were extremely poor, with practically no openings, some improvement on Christmas Day, and to finally come good again on the 26th, and has been reasonably good since.

Then you strike others like Steve VK3OT at Hamilton who says he has not noticed any great changes from usual, but maybe he has been operating from a more optimum location, with skip going well over the 1000 miles to produce long haul signals but not so much at 1000 miles and down to 600 miles which suits VK5 and many other areas. Anyway, what really matters is how you personally find it.

Graham VK8ZCJ in Darwin writes again this month with a couple of newsy bits to commence. Firstly, Lyell VS6BE in Hong Kong advises he now has spot frequency allocations in our portion of six metres, namely 52.025 for November, December and January, and after that is likely to be 52.100, which is very good, it seems if we are unable to go down to work 'em they will come up to work us!

Graham also mentions receiving the current antenna schedule for KH6EQI beacon viz. 1500 to 2200Z North America; 2200 to 0100Z South America; 0100 to 0400Z North America; 0400 to 0700Z Guam, and 0700 to 1500Z South Pacific. If sufficient reports are received the schedule could be re-arranged to suit openings.

A letter has arrived from Dick Northcott, 3D2CM, C/- University of South Pacific, Box 1168, Suva, Fiji Islands, in which he mentions reading my notes for October 1977, and writes to "let you know there is a station at this end of the world interested and set up for 6 metre operation. I have for the past few weeks been listening and occasionally transmitting but with no result. I have a transverter which has an output of about 30 watts PEP and a 3 el. yagi. I am located in an elevated position which has a clear outlook towards New Zealand, but it is a bit cluttered towards VK.

"Frequency wise I am very limited, my transverter works into an HW 32A which only covers 150 kHz and so have arranged to cover from 52.050 to 52.200 which includes the ZL and VK calling frequencies. Unfortunately I am further limited in not being quite sure of frequency to the last 5 kHz having ground a crystal at 6 MHz and found its frequency to the last kHz or so. Another crystal is coming soon which should solve the frequency problem.

"I would be pleased to arrange skeds by either post or via 20 metres, and am anxious to work into VK".

Thanks for writing Dick, and I hope you make the contact soon. We do appreciate your efforts in trying to make a signal available from Fiji on six metres, and probably those of us better situated with regard to operating aids and facilities do not appreciate what is really involved in getting on the air on VHF in such a remote location. Good luck, the fact that YJ8KM from the New Hebrides has been worked very consistently indicates at least possibilities for you.

George Francis, P29HV/VK3HV sends a lot of information including the high incidence of reception of Australian TV stations, as well as from New Zealand Ch. 1. JAs were worked on 6-10, 7-10 (21 contacts) 1015 to 1312Z; 8-10, 9-10, 27-10. First VK contact since 2-7 came on 7-11 to VK4RR, VK4JH and then to Barry VK2ZAY. First real taste of interstate Es DX after 9 months of residence occurred on 17-11 when he contacted VK4ZRQ, VK7DA, VK7ZIF, VK2BXT and heard VK3AMH. During this opening 0620 to 0815Z, Ch. 0 from Brisbane, Wagga and Melbourne were watched, as well as TV from Auckland and Gisborne, N.Z.

Things were relatively quiet until an unexpected opening on 12-12, the day starting off with Brisbane Ch. 0 at 2210Z, the first JA1 heard at 0340 patchy working ZL4LV and ZL3AAN, they came up quickly in signal strength at 0608 enabling him to have 5 x 9 de JA1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, until a quick fade out at 0750Z, 23 QSOs. During this opening George heard the JAs working VK2, 3, 5 and 7 between 0630 and 0730Z. He suggests this opening came as a surprise to both the Japanese and Australian operators.

George also includes copies of a number of letters from JA stations, and the following are extracts from them which could be of interest to readers. Firstly, Jun JI1HHX is very active on 6 metres, and lists the following stations in the Pacific area as active on 6m: HL9WI, KL7FBI, JD1YAA (Marcus Is.), JD1AIZ (Bonin Is.), VS6BE, VS6DA, KG6RO (Saipan Is.), KG6DX, KG6APP, KG6JDX, KG6JIH, KH6HI, KH6IAA, WB5LBJ/DU6, KH6IMH/DU2, FO8DR, KC6CW. He also lists JD1YAA on Marcus Is. as having a beacon on 50.110.

Hatsuo JA1VOK mentions in his letter that numerous stations in Japan run from 10 to 50 watts with 5 to 8 el. yagis, 10 to 20m high. He also mentions receiving a letter from FO8DR in Tahiti who operates on 50.100 every day and had worked three KH6 stations by the end of August.

Kazumasa JE1HYR joined JR1SQU, JR1FZZ and JR1FRG in a Dx-pedition to Ponape Is. from 3 to 11-9, and operated under the call sign KC6PO, contacting 142 stations in Guam, Saipan and Japan. At home he uses a TS520 with a transverter using a 4CX250 and 200 watts input.

Finally from George P29HV, I have received a copy of "Garamut", newsletter of the Papua New Guinea Amateur Radio Society, which is very interesting and contains a lot of information. Of special interest to VK and north Queensland operators in particular is the progress being made with a 2 metre repeater for P29, which will probably be operating by the time you read this. Frequency probably will be Ch. 48 146.400/147.000 and the transmitter will run about 10 watts output, in the interests of reliability and to minimise desensitising problems. Deviation about 7 kHz, time out 3 minutes, and MCW ident will run every 5 minutes at low level. Three good sites in elevated positions are being considered at the moment, and antenna experiments are being conducted to find a good and cheap gain antenna, as until enough funds are raised for the purchase of a cavity duplexer, they will have to operate with two separate antennae. Call sign P29RPM.

So it may not hurt you two metre operators in VK4 at least to watch that repeater in P29, additionally, if you do hear it and have 144 MHz gear as well, remember George P29HV monitors 144.100 continuously, looking south, and calls CQ when he receives high band colour TV from Queensland. This has occurred on the evenings of 28-3, 3-9, 9-10 and 13-11, receiving Ch. 6 Mackay, Ch. 7 Townsville, and Ch. 9 and 10 Cairns for several hours at a time, due mainly to ducting across the Coral Sea. It would seem therefore only a matter of time before a two metre QSO takes place between VK4 and P29, and this may well be aided by that repeater!

Looking at 6 metres in general it would seem from this end anyway that there are a few outstanding days this year, such as 13, 19, 26 and 29-11, 2, 3, 4, 26 and 31-12, 1, 2 and 3-1-78. 3-12 seems to stand out from the others due to the extremely wide coverage of contacts available, plus at least two JA openings the same day, followed by another the next day, 4-12. On 3-12 the JAs first arrived around 0320Z continuing until about 0400, then they appeared again about 0615, this time including JR6DQO and JH6TEW, which districts seem to be a bit rare around here. It was a good day because even I was able to work VK1 to VK8 inclusive, ZL1, JA1, JA2, JA3and JA6 areas.

Geoff VK3AMK in a letter agrees with all the above, with only slightly varying times for the JA openings, but the areas worked in VK3 and VK7 differed at times, not all stations and areas being available across the continent. Ken VK3AKK worked 18 JAs which included JA0 and JA7 which Geoff could not hear, also Ken worked JA8EXN which was his first JA8 in more than 70 JA contacts, and believed to be the first to be worked from VK since Ch. 0 commenced.

The second Japan opening the same day was not heard by Steve VK3OT, but by Geoff VK3AMK and here in VK5. And it seems some call signs are now becoming familiar from Japan, apparently being the most keen, and keeping a good ear on the band e.g. JA1LZK, JA2DDN, JA2BZY, JA1RJU, JA1VOK, etc.

Geoff also remarks on the incredible number of stations which continue to use 52.050 after establishing contact, so that portion of the band becomes hopelessly blocked. The message is obvious!

Robert VK3AUR writes to support the campaign to regain 50-54 MHz, and offers a number of interesting thoughts. I also want to thank Geoff VK3AMK for an extensive letter outlining a number of ideas on the same subject — thanks Geoff, they are filed temporarily! Anyway, back to Robert, who takes both the Melbourne and Adelaide 2 metre ops. to task for lack of interest in the band — remaining mostly on repeaters — this extract from his letter is good . . . "many only use repeaters, working their 'DX' the easy way. I personally get quite upset to hear Mt. William Ch. 7 clogged with VHF DX experts working Melbourne to Adelaide, expounding on the virtues of this or that black box, and generally patting themselves on their collective backs, while a few dyed-in-the-wool real VHF operators call vainly towards Melbourne or Adelaide (beacons running 20 dB SN or better) to nil response except from one or two regulars." The cap will fit those with the correct head size!

Robert reports a rather exclusive 6 metre opening to him on 6/11 from JA when he heard many signals and worked JR3KRK and JR3AKY during the 10 minutes the opening lasted. Roy VK3AXV who is 90 miles away heard nothing, and it appears no one else did. Exclusive job!

Although Robert calls the following "bitching" and is concerned to a degree he has written it, I feel there is surely a message here, which I think you, as an amateur, should read at least twice, not once, and digest, some of the thoughts may be applicable to you.

"Not many amateurs seem to be interested in developing their stations these days, black boxes have adedd to VHF/UHF activity, but to the detriment of DX.

"(a) To name but one rig, the IC202 has poor overall noise figure, and the addition of a PA means big mouth, little ears.

"(b) From my own experience, home made 'long yagis' don't as a rule exhibit the gain claimed. Enter gain measuring contests and observe red faces from some who have learnt the lesson.

"(c) Lousy co-ax e.g. ex disposals, yellowing dielectric.

"(d) Clogging call frequencies with local chatter, and failing to leave at least a 3 second break between overs.

"(e) Not bothering to listen with attenuator (sorry, beam) pointed in a useful direction, at least line it up on a worthwhile point.

"(f) Lack of interest in coming on the band!

"If 10 watts into a non-directional antenna (VK3RTG beacon) in a not too brilliant location in Melbourne produces 10 dB SN or better 180 miles away, logic dictates that 3 watts into a 10 dB gain antenna should equal or better that performance, depending of course on your own location. It's not being done. The band has to be really open to hear or be heard except for a few really dedicated stations, who go to the trouble of making sure their station is efficient.

"I don't suggest that vast amounts of money be spent, but a 2N310 pre-amp costs about $5, and makes a world of difference. Sorry for the bitch, but it's most disheartening especially when there is so much pressure from outside interests who would take our 144 and 432 MHz bands in a flash if they could lay their hands on them."

"And just to keep some happy, I'm not really against black boxes, I had a beaut QSO with Jim VK4ZMJ in Bundaberg for about two hours on 6-11 as Jim drove around on his motor cycle using an IC502, hand held. At times his signal peaked to S9+. He had a ball!"

Well Robert, I don't think anyone will be too snakey with you, probably what you have said is fact in many circumstances. I can support you in saying just how much it means to spend some time (and money) on upgrading an antenna system. Many who have visited my QTH will testify, I don't live in a good VHF area, so I work hard for all I get in the way of contacts, especially on 144 and 432 MHz. However, at the end of November I finally was able to place in position my two recently constructed 16 element yagis for 144 MHz, spaced 14 feet apart, with the top yagi of the pair 88 feet high. Proper matching baluns were used, and a mast head pre-amplifier fitted for receiving — this can be switched in and out of circuit as required — and the improvement in results over the original 8 element yagi at 57 feet (which is still in position for evaluation purposes) is staggering to say the least, particularly when the amplifier is used. I can now receive as good a report as I can give in return, and it makes me feel good for the first time for years. The next thing is to find the time to make good use of it, but I do believe that if one makes a worthwhile attempt to upgrade equipment, there is more likelihood of it being used often because results will be more rewarding on a greater number of occasions than with a mediocre assembly. My next move is to do much the same for 432 MHz.

Steve VK3OT has written with some interesting pars. He adds further to the fantastic opening all over Australia and New Zealand on 3-12. VK3 worked ZL1, 2, 3 and 4 that day. YJ8KM worked first ZL2 ever for number 1 QSO YJ to ZL. VK9NI working into Sydney on 29-11, though appears not to have been heard much since.

On 20/11 TV channel from Madan, Indonesia, sound on 53.75 AM was into Western Victoria for hours at 5 x 9+. Witnessed also by VK3AMK and VK5SV over phone. Steve worked Ed VK8ZER/6 for first 6 metre QSO with Giles, WA at 0430Z 52.050 on 17-12. Ed is now QRT and will be taking up residence in Townsville shortly.

Steve is not very pleased at the prospect of a 100 kW Ch. 5A station about 15 miles north of his Hamilton QTH in 1980. Exit all Western VK3 contacts on 2 metres, severe restrictions probably will spell the end of 2 metre contacts across the border between VK5 and VK3 and VK7 — still, it's an easy way to ease the amateurs off 144, vested interests will be happy, more money for licence revenue — it's the thin edge of the wedge, you see! Hugh VK5BC reports local Ch. 5A causes severe disruption to low end of 2 metres. Ask John VK2BHO what his Ch. 5A does to him on 144 MHz?

John VK7JV confirms that Greg VK7KJ worked KH6NS awhile back, date unknown, reports were 5 x 7 sent and 5 x 4 received. We all offer our congratulations to Greg. And of course, VK7 have been really given the royal treatment this year, with JA openings on 6 metres, on 13-11 for 3 hours, with some stations working nearly 40 JA stations. JAs back again on 14-11 and 3-12 etc. etc. Not to be outdone, 144 MHz opened to VK7 on 13-11 when David VK5KK worked VK7ZAH and VK7ZIE with distances around 750 miles, via an inversion.

I notice an "In Memoriam" notice in the WA VHF Group News Bulletin for Nov/Dec which reads: "Oscar 6 officially died on orbit number 21405 on 15-6-77 after failing to respond to ground command signals. It was launched on 15-10-72, its anticipated life-time then was about 1 year. Well done, Oscar 6. R.I.P." Indeed well done.

A few snippets from my note book. Tony VK6BV in Kalgoorlie was noted working ZLs on 6 metres early December, that's a long haul . . . reported in Ham Radio Sept. 1977 a 5000 km contact on 144 MHz across the Atlantic between Brazil or Venezuela and the Ivory Coast of Africa, that's also a mighty long haul, and will no doubt eclipse the terrestrial record for that band if verified. I will obtain details later . . . There have been quite a number of good 144 MHz openings between Albany and Adelaide, 10-12 VK6XY, VK6BE and VK6KJ all 5 x 9+, VK6XY and VK6WG also on 432.1 5 x 9, and on 1296.12 MHz David VK5KK had a contact extending over 1½ hours with his 3 foot dish being supported on the back fence by father VK5SV, signals 5 x 6 . . . Graham VK8ZCJ has passed his CW . . . Wally VK6WG had his VHF tower struck by lightning on 22-12, damage to aerials, but not a lot of equipment damage I hear . . . YJ8KM heard working VK3OT on 24-12 . . . 144 open to Albany on 26-12, many stations worked in VK5 and VK3, Bob VK6BE heard Charles VK3BAR on 144.1 at 1215Z, 144 open intermittently all day . . . Ken VK6ZFQ on Koolan Is. off NW coast of WA has worked all JA districts on 6 metres in the year he has been there . . . VK8ZGF Alice Springs copied TV Ch. 4 on 27-12 at 0425Z good signals, Cr. 3 from somewhere snowfree.

Finally, two things. Those requiring QSLs for contacts with YJ8KM and VK9NI should send their QSL with SA envelope to Steve Gregory, VK3OT, P.O. Box ZZ, Hamilton, Victoria.

Secondly, those full call amateurs who send CW on the VHF bands should give consideration to slowing down their speed of sending if they want more contacts Please bear in mind there are quite a few limited licensees with a knowledge of CW, particularly as some also now have N calls, and 15 to 20 w.p.m. CW is not called for on VHF when caling CQ. If you make contact with a good CW operator then use the speed which is most satisfactory to both operators, but KEEP THE SPEED DOWN when sending your call sign during a CQ call. Anyway, it's long been proved through EME contacts that high speed CW has little use for marginal contacts through noise and with the fading characteristics of sporadic E VHF, and on 144 and 432 MHz a marginal CW reader is more likely to persevere with a weak CW signal if he has a chance of deciphering it, he won't spend long with a 15 to 20 w.p.m. signal if he can't copy better than 10. Give it a thought boys, the above might make some sense. I know it is not so easy for a practised operator to send rather slowly, but don't worry, the guy at the other end will sort it out!

Thought for the month: "A different world cannot be built by indifferent people".

The Voice in the Hills.

STOP PRESS

1-1-78.—Big six metre opening, VK5 worked VK1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. 0900 144 MHz opened up to VK3, with Eric VK3BEH 5 x 9+, then to VK3OT, VK5DK and VK5NC (Mt. Gambier), Roy VK3AXV, then all repeated again. Steve VK3OT watching TV from Albany.

2-1-78.—144 MHz continues with excellent signals from VK5 to VK3OT, VK3BJ, VK3LT, VK3AXV, VK3ZHY, VK3BEH, and several others, plus Mt. Gambier VK5DK, VK5NC, VK5MC, VK5ZCH etc. Michael VK3ZQV about 100 miles east of Melbourne at Carrajung 5 x 9+ at times.

432 MHz also open. David VK5KK worked Michael VK3ZQV with signals 5 x 8/9 both ways. Michael also worked by Peter VK5ZPW, and Keith VK5MT. Not sure who really worked who on 432 at this stage, but I know Keith VK5MT, Roger VK5NY were also in it from this end and Les VK3ZBJ at least from the VK3 end.

To cap off two nights of really good VHF/UHF DX I heard Garry VK5ZK working Ed VK8ZER/5 and Mike VK8ZMA/5 both at Loxton on the River Murray on 144.1. At 1255Z I also worked them, they were using an FT221 and an IC202 to a vertically polarised antenna, and both pieces of equipment were contacted here. Mark VK5ZVQ then worked them.

It was also noted during the 2 metre opening on 2-1-78 that Col VK5RO from his super location at Woodville worked Mike VK3LT in Melbourne, using his IC202 and whip antenna. Not a bad effort Col.

Also 2-1-78, Kerry VK2BXT (ex-VK5SU) worked Kevin VK7ZAH, Daniel VK7DA and Joe VK7JG on 144 MHz. 6 metres was very strong into VK2 at the time. ZLs into VK3 at the same time.

It was almost VK5 to VK4 on 144 MHz on 1-1-78, when the interrupted carrier from Rod VK4ZRQ was monitored at the VK5LP establishment, and relayed back to Rod on 6 metres. 144 only stayed open for a minute or so, thus no contact resulted, there wasn't time to get organised once Rod had recognised his signals.

Looks like the "season" did come good for a while after all.

VK5LP ■

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
NEW WORLD 432 MHz RECORD?
On 11-1-78 Les VK3ZBJ and Wally VK6KZ/6 near Albany, made contact on 432.125 MHz. Reports were 5 x 3 both ways, distance 2470 km.

The current Australian record is 776 km between VK5ZKR and VK7ZRO and the current World Record is 1940 km. Les has previously worked 2430 km on 432 MHz but has not made a claim. How about making an application this time, fellows? Congratulations for a fine effort Wally and Les. ■

C.A.R.E.

(Community Amateur Radio Events)

In world-wide radio magazines, one frequently reads of the splendid work done by amateur radio operators in emergencies relating to earthquakes, fires, sickness, lost persons, air/road/rail accidents etc. Such performances are almost a daily occurrence in the USA, but in Australia, fortunately, the need is seldom presented. But when it is, VK amateur radio operators too, can rise to the occasion.

There has recently come to our notice, rather belatedly, unfortunately, details of the splendid work done by Reg Ross VK3YD, during an emergency involving the Government radio station at Casey Base in the "deep south". Reg happened to be around at the "right time" — a time when radio communications failed between Casey Base and the Antarctic Division's Headquarters station in Melbourne. According to subsequent letters from the Director of the Division, and the OIC Casey Base, Reg won appreciative comment for **"assistance given by VK3YD in the re-establishment of communications between both stations following the breakdown at Casey (station VNJ)."**

It is understood that at the time of the emergency, Reg was operating SSB on 14 MHz.

Well done, Reg VK3YD.
Submitted by Eric Trebilcock. ■

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BRIEFS

During a meeting between DARC and Federal German Post Office officials the W. German administration agreed to a change in official classification of the amateur radio service from "Private operation" (which includes CB) to "Technical Experimentation Operation". This decision will be put to the next meeting of the CEPT sub-group concerned. JARL has submitted an amateur radio service WARC 79 paper to their P. and T. Ministry.

Best wishes to the Radio Society of Sri Lanka upon celebrating its 25th anniversary.

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Please amend QSL information on page 54 of December issue — 3rd column: Tasmania Divisional Information:

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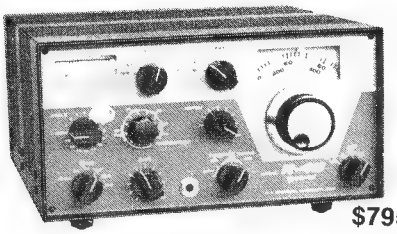

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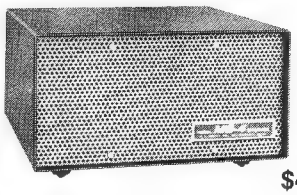

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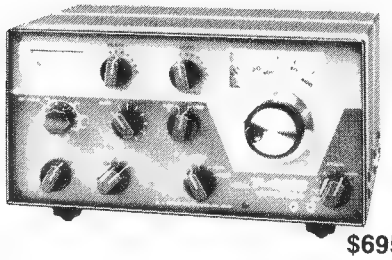

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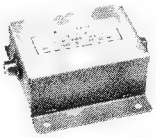

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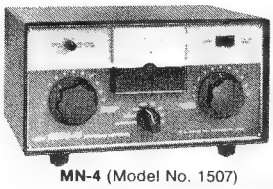

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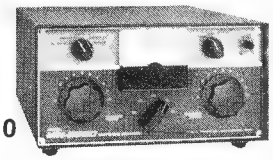
MN-4 (Model No. 1507)



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Low Pass Filters for Transmitters

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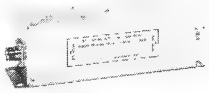
Drake TV-3300-LP



1000 watts max. below 30 MHz. Attenuation better than 80 dB above 41 MHz. Helps TV i-f interference, as well as TV front-end problems. **$32**

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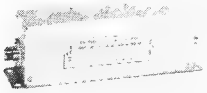

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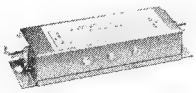

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VK1 PHONE

1GB	1521	520	1TH	116	44
1PM	1125	326	1ED	104	25
1KP	1056	310	1ZCB	94	92
[illegible]C	971	344	1VP	93	85
[illegible]CA	913	372	1ZPC	90	83
[illegible]K	823	307	1ZDF	90	83
[illegible]FT	746	235	1VW	81	77
1TD	717	202	1EP	59	59
1RH	675	237	1JE	56	14
1TR	560	200	1ZAR	41	39
1QJ	484	153	1DR	27	7
1LF	395	123	1YR	24	24
1NE	395	126	1CR	11	11
1JJ	147	145	1ML	11	11
1JN	124	118	1ZJR	6	6

VK1 CW

1PG	1140	158	1VK	246	30

VK1 OPEN

1AOP	2034	622	1WI	232	135
1AD	779	233			

VK2 PHONE

2BAM	753	417	2NBQ	113	58
2AGF	718	360	2BSG	108	70
2BDT	705	360	2AGS	102	51
2LE	690	403	2BCT	98	56
2AHV	664	340	2ACH	90	52
2BGF	615	345	2AKH	90	57
2BGI	595	395	2NEP	90	41
2NDL	506	290	2ACK	88	45
[illegible]W	453	273	2BUC	87	52
[illegible]P	450	246	2SP	85	51
2BGL	377	225	2APU	84	46
2AJF	360	199	2NDP	80	37
2QC	359	170	2SB	79	29
2BDB	343	230	2AQ	78	43
2APP	329	150	2CS	78	40
2BJN	314	154	2NCD	77	45
2ALZ	318	151	2UJ	74	45
2BJN	314	154	2ASH	70	19
2BKE	274	164	2QV	59	43
2BPT	241	131	2BMD	59	18
2BMX	228	110	2JQ	56	42
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2EY	202	140	2CU	44	19
2NIP	195	123	2ZSG	44	44
2AJL	194	103	2ACZ	42	18
2PF	168	100	2ASE	42	25
2ACT	162	101	2ZIA	39	39
2AJH	160	75	2AWX	37	37
2WT	158	75	2NFA	36	18
2JS	134	61	2AGZ	34	25
2LF	129	70	2BAD	33	22
2ZVB	129	87	2ZFF	30	30
2AXU	127	75	2BHD	29	13
2NGM	125	84	2ZOK	27	27
2BDN	123	82	2IJ	25	10
2AEC	25	17	2ASJ	10	7
2MJ	24	18	2AHH	9	9
2BET	23	9	2YJ	8	8
2ZVN	23	23	2AWF	8	8
2NJY	21	17	2YEH	8	8
2CM	19	17	2FD	7	7
2MR	19	17	2NCU	7	6
2BLI	18	18	2YCM	7	7
2NGG	18	13	2OH	6	6
2ZIC	16	16	2AND	6	6
2BUV	14	7	2ZQC	6	6
2NDC	14	5	2AZD	5	5
2NKT	14	5	2NJN	5	5
2NCH	13	9	2ZNW	5	5

VK2 CW

2CX	888	227	2IC	178	41
2DI	754	202	2BBW	122	33
2EL	732	187	2VM	88	25
2QL	580	122	2JY	80	29
2AQF	482	116	2HC	70	20
2XQ	466	112	2ZC	40	10
2IV	320	70	2JM	20	10
2GT	314	87	2RJ	16	7
2WE	188	46			

VK2 OPEN

2BO	1108	565	2HQ	145	59
2OO	1017	415	2VA	113	55
2AOA	559	325	2DO	72	40
2PN	452	169	2AAC	71	27
2DA	425	156	2HZ	65	20
2AUX	375	258	2BNW	48	24
2NAW	282	146	2VR	42	30
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3WP	921	558	3ZWM	172	173
3ANA	842	553	3ZJ	166	60
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3AYF	392	250	3QG	47	27
3BBH	360	221	3ZPU	46	46
3APZ	348	226	3WQ	42	20
3XF	340	187	3BMV	41	41
3ASN	292	136	3BCH	35	25
3QZ	270	154	3BIT	30	30
3ZTC	255	256	3NCQ	28	10
3ZAO	228	228	3BIS	27	20
3AH	220	127	3AAJ	26	12
3LV	219	107	3KT	24	23
3BCC	217	143	3NZ	12	12
3YQ	211	88	3ZFI	11	11
3BHU	198	201	3ARA	10	6
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VK3 CW

3AYO	818	206	3BDH	252	52
3YK	648	156	3ANJ	148	38
3DG	574	150	3KS	114	30
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VK4 PHONE

4YS	1823	749	4BF	111	30
4LP	1513	626	4LK	108	42
3YO/4	1145	418	4GM	103	48
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4BW	601	255	4EH	61	61
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4NDE	539	183	4NDV	54	24
4AAK	515	200	4ZCE	51	51
4ABJ	502	201	4ZGB	51	51
4BQ	479	183	4ZAF	50	50
4RT	445	160	4ZMC	50	50
4AKT	443	212	4NAW	48	12
4EQ	435	168	4ZTV	48	48
4PJ	410	202	4ZGA	46	49
4WIT	387	142	4GS	44	13
4FX	364	129	4IQ	42	40
4YL	358	117	4PL	41	41
4UJ	333	334	4TS	41	20
4NCA	309	122	4ZFR	34	54
4ZIT	292	292	4NAX	33	9
4RP	301	100	4NBZ	32	11
4NAJ	281	120	4ZPP	32	32
4AR	278	91	2CZ/4	31	11
4FU	277	100	4LR	31	9
2RP/4	269	85	4NAB	31	13
4NAK	265	110	4ZJR	30	30
4ZBC	263	263	4BZ	28	6
4APG	262	136	4DH	27	27
4VU	260	131	4MU	27	8
4PU	254	78	4TK	27	8
4ZBV	246	246	4NV	26	26
4KD	242	79	4VS	24	24
4OX	236	75	4ZFA	24	24
4CZ	225	65	4ZMD	21	21
4CY	219	78	4ZPF	20	20
4RA	197	62	4EB	18	18
4RZ	197	71	4ZCV	18	18
4ZSH	194	194	4RG	16	16
4ES	189	51	4TL	16	10
4GI	170	76	4AF	15	5
4NWD	170	77	4ACM	14	14
4CW	165	57	4XV	13	13
4FN	165	81	4PR	12	6
4AMO	163	67	4ZWB	10	10
4LE	149	45	ZL2TKW/		
4ZRI	145	147	VK4	10	10
4VV	143	110	4HS	8	8
4DY	132	60	4ZBH	8	8
4ZJM	131	131	4MO	7	7
4YT	130	50	4OW	7	7
4ZHW	123	124	4OM	6	6
4ZNI	118	118	4ZWR	5	5
4AL	114	53			

VK4 CW

4XA	1408	253	4XJ	302	55
4KX	1336	222	4PN	292	43
4LV	1018	173	4NJ	110	22
4AXJ	404	69	4HH	30	5
4FJ	326	52	4NTW	30	6
4CJ	312	55	4CN	20	7
4ARL	272	50			

VK4 OPEN

4II	2270	668	4LZ	329	119
4HE	2160	681	4LG	308	95
4UX	1343	411	4NAE	298	139
4DT	1268	583	4JH	286	63
4LT	1260	326	4QF	280	103
4AAR	1116	486	4SO	274	89
4YG	1101	381	4HX	242	150
4AGP	948	301	4ABS	164	61
4RF	906	300	4NB	150	59
4WL	830	165	4QK	92	35
4XY	788	210	4RO	69	53
4UG	402	141	4PV	59	41
4UC	485	133	check log		
4AK	366	81	4ABD		

VK5 PHONE

5QX	1807	829	5NJP	186	94
5AAA	1655	666	5ZRA	179	179
5BI	1640	688	5GW	176	81
5GY	1259	535	5EF	174	60
5MM	1066	460	5CW	172	65
5NJ	963	401	5ZAR	172	172
5HI	958	361	5RR	168	82
5MS	956	404	5NLS	168	84
5CHL	939	514	5RY	167	72
5ZK	908	435	5OZ	166	62
5PE	877	421	5WF	164	73
5FD	874	345	5NAC	162	74
5LP	866	347	5ZQ	161	100
5DV	856	428	5HM	154	60
5NX	836	387	5LC	151	61
5ZH	790	345	5ZAT	150	150
5TY	768	374	5ZIC	148	148
5QV	746	292	5ZIM	148	148
5LN	692	300	5SE	147	89
5SH	671	317	5ZLH	146	146
5VT	664	316	5NWG	143	64
5LM	608	236	5ZHS	134	134
5KR	512	339	5QP	130	103
5US	512	248	5BB	129	45
5GL	509	344	5ZRJ	127	128
5JQ	485	311	5ZBC	125	125
5NA	476	232	5NGD	124	47
5VE	468	178	5ARC	121	121
5AIB	461	200	5OC	119	60
5ZE	454	241	5CL	117	71
5NIT	450	213	5NTM	116	56
5BQ	446	205	5NUV	115	60
5EJ	436	189	5ZJP	110	110
5GO	417	246	5ZNN	110	110
5NI	405	210	5GF	107	50
5QS	405	308	5ZGP	106	106
5KG	404	300	5WC	105	47
5NN	380	150	5ED	102	41
5ST	369	151	5ZBM	102	102
5ZBI	361	364	5ZAJ	101	101
5RV	355	144	5ZKK	100	100
5NXP	341	192	5ZTG	99	100
5WR	328	137	5QH	97	43
5JD	327	150	5TF	97	40
5ZVQ	324	325	5DH	96	42
5GP	319	149	5RI	94	33
5ZWR	316	316	5RJ	93	34
5SG	311	146	5IM	92	91
5ZT	308	150	5YY	89	30
5ZJG	308	308	5ZAC	89	89
5ACE	302	286	5ZGB	88	88
5DI	299	100	5QW	87	29
5NF	292	120	5XU	87	30
5NBC	288	109	5KH	86	30
5SS	283	100	5TW	79	32
5RX	282	118	5ZSB	78	78
5NPN	279	137	5WH	74	30
5IT	265	100	5DJ	70	30
5NZ	264	111	5DF	67	22
5LL	263	113	5OF	66	66
5ZB	259	103	5EP	63	30
5ZU	253	85	5TH	62	33
5NAH	248	130	5AC	61	20
5DK	247	109	5GM	61	26
5CY	237	90	5ZME	61	61
5ZJB	236	236	5TU	60	60
5BW	233	103	5NIC	60	29
5NRF	227	105	5EV	53	20
5CH	225	82	5LT	51	33
5ZBU	222	222	5NBW	49	31
5GZ	216	92	5WN	49	31
5VV	213	99	5WN	48	30
5ZSA	210	210	5YN	48	16
5ZMH	208	208	5ZR	48	16
5HN	196	95	5ZFJ	48	48
5FL	193	65	5CA	46	20
5LQ	191	62	5GU	44	44
5BG	186	70	5DO	43	14
5LK	42	22	5ZIS	26	26
5ZRF	40	40	5ZPP	22	22
5UA	37	36	5ZAY	18	18
5HW	36	12	5CJ	16	8
5AG	36	12	5CX	16	16
5GJ	34	15	5NY	13	13
5PB	34	17	5ZNJ	13	13
5ZBY	34	34	5IX	11	11
5ZBW	31	31	5ZPD	9	9
5ZBE	27	27	5KT	6	6

VK5 CW

5KL	1100	210	5HO	220	40
5OR	978	188	5NBB	202	46
5LI	838	163	5KU	174	30
5UM	670	150	5KI	168	32
5BN	492	100	5HR	154	29
5AU	310	54	5QR	144	30
5QQ	282	60	5LU	116	25
5MV	272	53	5KY	76	14
5SW	264	47	5TL	40	13
5NLC	230	51	5UE	34	6
5IU	224	50			

VK5 OPEN

5EN	1620	645	5RK	310	92
5WV	1067	450	5TQ	282	124
5IF	909	309	5FH	253	74
5MY	786	277	5ZF	223	88
5QI	781	212	5IP	196	70
5FM	681	180	5JK	127	72
5CV	470	115	5OT	67	22
5PK	432	146	5NLF	47	25
5ZSD	391	383	5ME	37	31
5RG	388	98	5RP	24	20
5RC	378	76	5EU	23	14
5ZCF	367	355			

VK6 PHONE

6AS	2531	700	8NER/6	387	117
6OR	1983	560	6DY	382	133
6TV	1758	520	6NL	363	102
6LK	1657	480	6HU	343	243
6BV	1403	401	6KC	342	87
6JP	1363	404	6DH	339	101
6HA	1327	594	6TP	334	243
6DA	1266	507	6NAO	327	114
6KW	848	284	6NBZ	325	106
6KD	818	238	6RV	316	98
6VP	810	229	6WD	296	101
6LV	701	212	6FP	291	80
6DV	592	214	6ZDE	281	283
6NAY	579	203	6OT	244	76
6ST	539	168	6EB	219	104
6AN	521	271	6BT	213	65
6VW	501	177	6JY	187	90
6WL	478	130	6DZ	182	59
6IW	455	260	6LG	180	157
6AO	451	141	6NC	170	51
6FS	451	128	6DO	168	60
6XD	400	220	6TX	166	48
6DC	394	109	6ZBD	166	169
6SH	391	215			

VK6 PHONE

6NBB	165	67	6ZKY	74	74
6CU	163	158	6TU	73	22
6ZGG	154	154	6AU	70	70
6CB	150	104	6FB	69	34
6NBK	147	54	6JH	67	20
6NAN	145	56	6SR	67	27
6ZHM	139	140	6EW	65	23
6SB	136	36	6EQ	57	17
6FM	129	34	6MM	57	58
6NAM	116	48	6ZBB	56	56
6NE	112	35	6CN	52	53
6ZDN	111	111	6NAZ	51	24
6GL	103	32	6NAC	43	12
6AV	102	32	6NS	36	25
6QR	100	28	6ZCU	34	34
6XY	99	35	6ML	30	30
6TK	97	25	6AT	29	9
6WG	87	28	6BY	28	18
6LD	86	22	6RO	25	6
6ZFU	86	87	6AWI	20	6
6ZEX	85	85	6KJ	19	19
6RL	84	24	6JA	17	9
6NAE	78	41	6ZKV	17	17
6NAR	77	32	6LM	8	8

VK6 CW

6WT	1302	173	6AJ	818	114
6AQ	1254	164	6JF	706	100
6HQ	1252	255	6SM	550	73
6VK	1126	149	6RM	230	32
6RS	822	112	6FI	94	12

VK6 OPEN

6MA	2048	537	6EG	240	50
6HK	1869	508	6RH	231	161
6ED	1661	350	6LP	224	42
6RU	1516	372	6JK	218	78
6YL	1509	630	6NK	211	41
6JX	1331	450	6CR	160	126
6QI	1200	338	6KY	142	115
6CW	1132	420	6LJ	135	88
6IC	986	444	6WI	127	109
6BD	860	263	6WX	116	43
6PH	724	206	6AM	75	21
6ZZ	621	157	6EE	73	62
6BE	609	115	6FH	61	45
6KK	585	166	6GS	61	13
6KR	367	101	6PD	44	34
6GA	357	54	6IQ	34	17
6NAG	353	106			

VK7 PHONE

7HL	1431	509	7LS	151	63
7KZ	1142	447	7MK	135	[illegible]
7HK	993	341	7JO	131	[illegible]
7MX	984	392	7CF	130	[illegible]
7KH	787	260	7PH	95	34
7GW	775	262	7ZIE	81	85
7NOW	772	317	7ZGF	62	62
7WI	691	287	7NFR	59	27
7SF	676	250	7HB	56	20
7JU	447	155	7ZKC	47	47
7DK	427	126	7AB	46	17
7SG	398	134	7JD	38	13
7EB	339	125	7IL	32	8
7TT	325	131	7TL	20	7
7BM	267	100	7ZAA	16	16
7KK	179	67	7AX	5	5

VK7 CW

7RO	1194	209	7RY	476	88
7CH	1106	180	7ZO	162	29
7HE	944	170	ZGV	24	5
7JB	520	81			

VK7 OPEN

7AZ	2224	836	7PF	273	100
7ZZ	307	49	7LZ	143	36
7AL	299	65			

VK8 PHONE

8FB	2437	629	8CW	669	175
8JD	2123	603	8NTA	272	[illegible]
8ZB	1201	336	8NRD	59	[illegible]
8DI	1175	290	8ZTW	58	58
8CO	859	251	8ZTS	42	42
8CC	564	143	8ZBD	12	12

VK8 CW

8RR	1188	152	8SU	900	110
8HA	1016	125			

VK8 OPEN

8NT	1265	368	2BSJ/MM8	35	15
8NT	916	152			

VK0 OPEN

0CC	1558	208	0AC	1212	110

P29 PHONE

9DM	1649	400	9GA	382	96

P29 OPEN

9EJ	863	137	9NRP		
check log					

ZL PHONE

1AGO	144	43	4MG	617	212
1AUH	82	25	4OP	143	43
3TX	122	40	4CT	36	12

ZL CW

2MM	664	106	4HA	1228	206

ZL OPEN

1GQ	1977	438	4BE	854	228
1ACL	1038	301	4IJ	565	176
1BQD	650	196			

RECEIVING OPEN

VK2	G. Schofield	567	308
	P. Anslow DXL2-PMA	346	201
	I. Theodore DXL-NTI	292	176
	J. Watson	242	117
	R. Browne DXL2-BEQ	204	116
	C. Maxworthy DXL2-NDX	120	60
	P. Hannelly DXL2-PCH	36	18
	N. Stollznow DZL2-MUD	11	6
VK3	E. W. Trebilcock L30042	572	156
	M. J. Stephenson L30848	547	393
	E. A. Phillips L30647	302	195
VK4	B. G. Roche ORS 38670	656	251
VK5	R. Whitford	1693	726
	A. D. Drexel	368	145
	R. G. Edmeades L50122	342	159
	R. Warrington	257	252
	J. Warrington (Mrs.)	253	254
	D. Warrington	100	100
VK6	F. H. Price L60030	1219	333
	J. D. Smith L60276	525	105
	J. Byrne	298	101
	R. D. Boyd L60136	170	65
	D. Smedley L60101	35	35
VK7	G. Mutton	555	205
P29	K. S. Viney	1517	316

CONTESTS

Kevin Phillips, VK3AUQ
Box 67, East Melbourne, 3002

The results of last year's Contest which were published in January AR showed 30 logs submitted by Australian participants.

In recent international CW contests, many unfamiliar firsts from VK1, VK4 and VK8 have been heard making a great impact on the DX fraternity. These operators would find the Commonwealth (BERU) a very rewarding activity. The scoring system is a good one — chasing bonus points apart from contact points is a great interest in itself as well as a key also to success. 10 and 15 metres are still on the improve and will be the bonus bands.

Publicity for BERU has been promised in "Break In" so there should be plenty of ZLs about as a result.

Time: 1200 GMT Saturday 11th March, to 1200 GMT Sunday 12th March.
Mode: CW only 3.5 to 28 MHz. Call is CQ BERU.

Eligible entrants are radio amateurs licensed to operate in British Commonwealth call areas. In our region, Lord Howe VK2, Willis VK4, Christmas VK9, Cocos VK9, Norfolk VK9, Heard VK0, Macquarie VK0, and Australian Antarctica, as well as VK1-8, are all separate contest areas.

Two trophies have been presented for competition between VK stations — a silver medallion for the highest VK scorer in the official RSGB results and a bronze medallion for a middle placed VK scorer based on total VK entries divided by two, that is for 34 entries, to 17th placing, for 53 entries, to 27th placing. Last year's trophy winners were VK5NO and VK7JB.

SCORING: 5 points for contest exchange, plus 20 bonus points for 1st, 2nd and 3rd contact with each call area other than one's own (there are 111 in all, with G, GW, GM etc., counting as a single area) — exotic prefixes, A2, C6, 8P, 9L, etc., are the rule rather than the exception.

LOGS: Separate logs are required for each band showing columns — 1. Date and time GMT; 2. Station worked; 3. NR sent; 4. NR received; 5. Band; 6. Leave blank; 7. Contact points claimed; 8. Bonus points.

Each band log should be separately totalled and should include, at the end, a check list of areas worked on the band. Separate band totals should be added together and the total claimed score entered on a cover sheet, giving particulars of station, QTH, equipment, power, and a declaration that the rules and spirit of the contest have been observed.

Entries may be single or multi-band. Single band entries should claim entries on one band only, but submit details of contacts on other bands for checking only. Entries should be addressed to

D. J. Andrews G3MXJ,
18 Downsview Crescent, Uckfield,
East Sussex, England TN22 1UB.

Closing date: 15th May 1978 (by airmail, please). ■

BOOK REVIEW

RADIO AMATEURS' EXAMINATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS —

Compiled by the RSGB Education Committee

This book contains a set of typical questions and model answers. The questions are from past UK amateur examinations.

The standard and scope of the questions and answers are similar to the local requirements with the exception of the Regulations section.

The answers are well laid out and provide a good idea of the standard required and cover the likely topics well.

Taken with other material this book should be useful both to those instructing classes and to students. Whilst not exactly the same as the local questions there is a great deal of common ground and the contents provides a very useful guide and would be a worthwhile book.

It should be available from booksellers and WIA Magpubs shortly and is recommended.

Dick Smith's Australian CB Radio Handbook. Price $3.95.

On first receipt of this book, one was a little dubious right from the start regarding the contents.

I admit that I first read it in private where no other amateur could see me for fear of castigation and being called a traitor.

From an amateur's point of view the book tells you nothing new, but for a prospective CBer there is a complete resume of the whole CB system in Australia, and this is the primary object of the book anyway.

An information packed non-technical 128 page handbook published by Horwitz and contains answers to the questions on CB likely to be asked.

The book elaborates on: What CB is all about. Types of rigs. What to watch for when buying a rig. Licencing requirements. Australian system and U.S. system. Accessories available. Jargon, codes, data, etc. NCRA, CREST, emergency use, CB clubs. Glossary of technical and CB terms.

There is even an excellent information page on amateur radio.

With so much confusion and debate on CB at the present time, the book has made an excellent inroad to the Australian scene, and to my knowledge is the only CB book that does so. All other books on CB are related to the American system.

The only criticism one could level is the use and encouragement of the 10 code, and the proliferation of the jargon, but I guess that is something we have to live with.

To the new CBer (and who possibly may upgrade to amateur radio), I recommend this book for serious consideration.

The book is available from all Dick Smith stores and dealers, and shortly through newsagents and other CB specialist stores.

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LARA

Ladies Amateur Radio Association

February again, and "Season's Greetings" to those who are doing exams this month, especially those YLs who are attempting either AOLCP or telegraphy (otherwise known as the P&T hurdles).

Contrary to former advertising (see January AR) this article is not about a well-known YL operator. Instead we announce the results of the VK3 LARA AGM and introduce a YL who is about to become well known, as our new State President of LARA, Heather Bedson YF/3ZEB. Heather is one of the longest-standing members of LARA in VK3 but may not be well-known outside Victoria as she doesn't yet have a licence. She has come up on air on OM Ray's call, and they work as a team to handle the paper-work of contests, such as the RD Contest. Heather is hoping to start working for a licence of her own soon. As minutes secretary over the previous months in LARA, she has done such a superb job that all previous minute-takers have been put to shame, so best wishes to Heather as she takes on the job as President.

Our new Vice-President is a well-known (if only recently licensed) YL, Mavis VK3BIR. Norma VK3AYL continues as the excessively hard-working Newsletter Producer and general correspondence handler and Heather VK3NFY is carrying on as Treasurer. Listeners to WIA Broadcast in VK3 will also hear Heather's notes on Sunday mornings as she has very kindly offered to take over that part of the publicity job from me.

On the national scene, the first edition of the newsletter for this year is in production and should be out soon/eventually (strike out which does not apply). The novice sked plans are proceeding and Tuesday has been suggested as a suitable evening for this net. Suggestions from intending participants should be directed to Mavis VK3BIR where they will be warmly welcomed.

Speaking of warm welcomes, these are extended to any YL who wishes to join our growing organisation. Writing to either Norma VK3AYL or to LARA care of the WIA in Victoria (or to your own State LARA Co-ordinator) will result in somebody getting in touch fairly soon.

33's — Kate Duncan. ■

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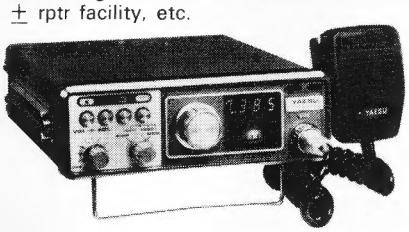

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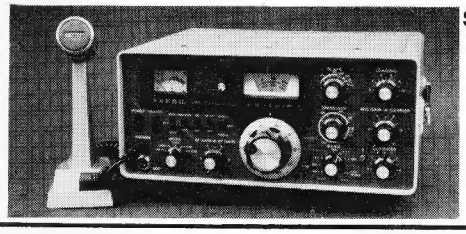

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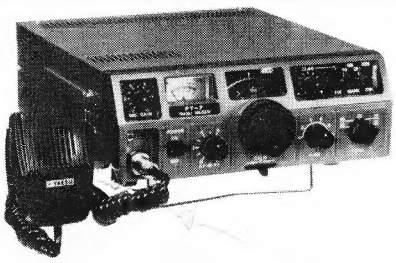

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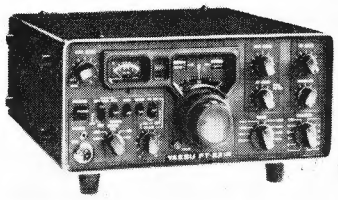

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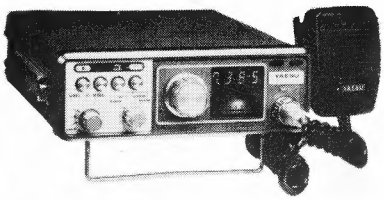

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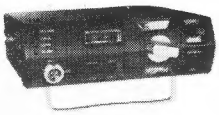

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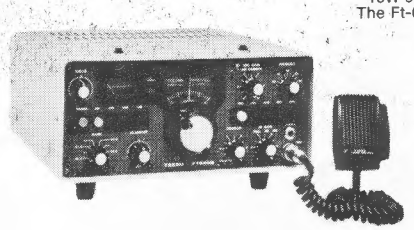

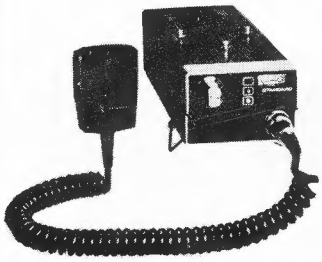

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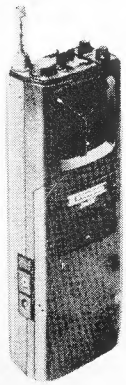

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